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## "BOTTLING" THE RUSSIANS.

Admiral Togo's Desperate Attempt on Port Arthur Described.

### RECKLESS BRAVERY.

An official telegram from Admiral Alexieff makes it quite clear that the affair of Tuesday night, at first described as a "great Russian Victory," was something quite different.

It was, in fact, an attempt by the Japanese to imitate on a larger scale the great feat of Lieutenant Hobson, in sinking the Merrimack across the harbour entrance at Santiago de Cuba.

It was a bold, dashing manoeuvre worthy of the redoubtable Admiral Togo. If it had succeeded Port Arthur would have been securely "bottled up" and practically neutralised for the rest of the war. Admiral Alexieff says it failed, but it is as well to await the Japanese story, which may put a different complexion on the matter.

### DANGEROUS EXPLOIT.

The story, when fully told, will doubtless have all the thrill of a Clark Russell romance. There is no more dangerous service than that on which the Japanese so gallantly entered. "Te morituri salutant" might well have been the farewell words of the plucky Jap tars who navigated the ships, filled with explosives, which it was intended to sink athwart the narrow channel leading into Port Arthur Harbour.

It was a wild, moonless night in the Gulf of Pechili last Tuesday—a night favourable to the reckless enterprise. Four steamers were filled with explosives sufficient, at the given moment, to send them instantly to the bottom. A small crew was put on each—the smallest possible to navigate the ships, for the probabilities in such a case are that every man may perish.

A flotilla of torpedo boats escorted the steamers, and they crept silently by the lee of the Tiger's Tail, the narrow-necked peninsula which runs along the west of the harbour, and almost landlocks it.

### RUSSIANS ON THE ALERT.

Three o'clock had almost sounded as the squadron drew near enough to attack.

The enemy was on the alert; there was a sudden flash, and the roar of cannon woke by the echoes of the hills. Fire had been opened by the shore batteries and by the battleship Ketsuan, which, torpedoed at the beginning of the war, has been lying on the mud ever since. Useless for an ordinary action, she seems to have been able to do some execution here, for the steamers had approached quite close to the harbour.

The flash and roar of the guns went on in the darkness, and it was not till dawn that the cannonade ceased.

Then it was seen, according to the Russians, that the attempt had failed. The four explosive ships lay helpless in the roadstead, and the torpedo boats were retiring. One of the ships was on the rocks of the Tiger peninsula, presumably close to the channel leading to the harbour.

### FATE OF THE CREWS.

The greater part of the gallant crews seem to have escaped. They took to the boats; some were picked up by the waiting torpedo boats, but some may have been drowned.

"The channel to the harbour is clear," says Admiral Alexieff. But as it is obvious that it may be that the Russian report is too sanguine, and that the affair is really a Japanese success.

It is quite clear that no punishment to speak of was inflicted on the Japanese torpedo boats. Admiral Alexieff does not claim to have sunk any of them, and though a Russian correspondent says one torpedo boat was sent to the bottom this is not confirmed.

Admiral Togo was evidently not discouraged by his "repulse," for he made another attack on Wednesday morning.

## THE CAGE OF DEATH—SEVEN LIVES LOST.



In a terrible fire which broke out yesterday in one of the small passages near St. Paul's Churchyard seven people were burnt to death. The staircase was destroyed almost at once, and the victims tried to escape by a trap door to the roof, but failed.

[Photographs and pictures by special artists, and a full account of the tragedy, appear on page 11.]



# ANOTHER ATTACK.

Japanese Night Descent on  
Port Arthur.

## REPORTED REPULSE.

The Attempt to "Cork  
the Bottle."

Official Russian messages say the Japanese attempt to "bottle up" the Russian squadron at Port Arthur failed.

The four steamers loaded with explosives were sunk, and the channel is clear.

The Japanese seem to have suffered no material damage.

Another night attack on Port Arthur, on Wednesday, is announced. The Russians claim that it was "repulsed all along the line."

Following up his attempt to "bottle up" the Port Arthur squadron on Tuesday morning, Admiral Togo made another daring attack during the darkness on Wednesday morning.

The news is given in a laconic official dispatch, which (says Reuter) has reached St. Petersburg from General Plüger, the Russian Commandant at Port Arthur. It simply says:—

"A fresh attack was made by the enemy on Port Arthur from one o'clock to 3.30 this (Wednesday) morning, but it was repulsed all along the line. Details follow."

### BLOWN UP BY MINES.

The clearest account of the affair of Tuesday night is conveyed in Admiral Alexieff's official telegram to the Tsar.

In the first, dated Wednesday, he said:—

"I beg to report to your Majesty that I have just received a report that during the night the Japanese forces attempted to block the entrance to Port Arthur by employing merchant ships directed against the battleship Retvisan.

"The attempt failed.

"Both of the Japanese steamers were blown up by mines, and lie on the shore below Solataja-Gora and the Tiger Peninsula.

"I have no losses to announce."

A telegram in the Paris "Temps" adds that the attack was "brilliantly repulsed."

### THE EXPLOSIVE-LADEN STEAMERS.

The succeeding message, transmitted by Reuter, continues:—

At a quarter to three on the morning of the 25th, the enemy made a fresh attempt to attack the Retvisan with several torpedo boats, and to submerge in the channel some large steamers charged with explosives.

"Having first discovered the torpedo boats and opened a fierce fire upon them, the Retvisan, supported by the batteries, destroyed, near the entrance to the channel, two steamers which were bearing straight down on her. The first of these went on the rocks near the lighthouse on the Tigrov Peninsula, while the other sank near Mount Tolstoi.

"The fire against the torpedo boats continued until dawn.

### CREWS TAKE TO THE BOATS.

"Daylight revealed four steamers destroyed in the roadstead and eight torpedo boats fleeing towards the warships awaiting them at sea.

"The crews saved themselves in the boats, some being drowned probably, and some picked up by the enemy's torpedo boats. A search will be made on the coast.

"The channel to the harbour is clear.

"I attribute the complete derangement of the enemy's plan to the brilliant resistance and destructive fire of the Retvisan.

"One Japanese steamer is still burning. Floating torpedoes are still visible in the roadstead."

"The enemy's fleet left in two lines. I am recalling three cruisers sent in pursuit in order that the roadstead may first of all be cleared of the floating torpedoes. We have sustained no loss."

"According to a telegram to the 'Echo de Paris,' the opinion of Russian staff officers at St. Petersburg is that the object of the Japanese was to scatter floating torpedoes in the harbour at Port Arthur.

### BATTLESHIPS AS GUARDSHIPS.

It is now announced that as repairs to the battleships Retvisan and Tzarevitch can only be fully carried out in the dock at Vladivostok these vessels will remain at Port Arthur for the present.

With a view, however, to utilising their formidable artillery it has been decided after temporary repairs have been effected to employ them as coast guardships until an opportunity is afforded of sending them to Vladivostok to be completely overhauled.

### DID THE ATTEMPT FAIL?

A Reuter's Berlin telegram says German military and naval critics have received the account of the Russian victory with some scepticism. It is pointed out that the sinking of the four ships in the mouth of the harbour may have effected precisely what the Japanese aimed at—"the corking of the bottle." Critics prefer to await further details before passing judgment.

### PREMATURE TE DEUM.

A dispatch to the "Figaro" from St. Petersburg says "the 'e' was rejoicing at the Palace and among the Ministers on Wednesday night. A Te Deum was sung at the Winter Palace in the presence of the Tsar and Tsarina."—Reuter.

## RUSSIA'S VAST SCHEME.

GREAT SQUADRON AND HUGE ARMY  
FOR THE FAR EAST.

Russia, according to a Reuter telegram, has decided on vast military and naval plans. The Russian Baltic squadron, composed of fifteen vessels, will, it is stated, leave for the Far East at the end of June. The squadron will consist of eight battleships, two armoured cruisers, three protected cruisers, and two large transports. Some of these ships were already on their way to the Far East, and have been recalled for the present.

The squadron, which will be accompanied by thirty torpedo boats, will be commanded by Rear-Admiral Roystevsky.

According to information derived from military circles, the following will be the composition of the Russian army intended to operate in Korea. The advance-vanguard will consist of two regiments of Siberian Sharpshooters, the vanguard of sixteen regiments of infantry, with ninety-six quick-firing guns, three batteries of quick-firing mountain guns, and a corresponding force of cavalry, while the main body will be composed of forty regiments, including a force of Cossack cavalry and 300 guns.

The vanguard and the main body will be connected by telegraph and telephone with the reserves, which will be stationed to the north of Mukden.

No important military operation will be possible before the melting of the ice and the return of spring.

### TRAIN ACROSS THE ICE.

The "Echo de Paris" has received the following telegram from its St. Petersburg correspondent:—

"The first train crossed Lake Baikal this morning (Wednesday) in four hours on the newly-laid line over the ice, which was completed yesterday."

"This is no advance on the time taken by sledges, but the necessity for detrainment is obviated."

"The Ural tunnel will be finished in April, when the trains will be able to go round the lake."

### THE TSAR'S HEALTH.

The reports published in certain foreign newspapers to the effect that the Tsar is in ill-health are devoid of foundation.—Reuter.

## DIARY OF THE WAR.

Feb. 5.—Japan sends her Note breaking off negotiations.

Feb. 7.—News published in St. Petersburg and London.

Feb. 8.—Russia has the first shot, the Korietz firing on Japanese warships off Chemulpo.

Feb. 9.—At midnight the Japanese made a torpedo attack at Port Arthur, disabling three Russian warships.

Feb. 9.—Naval battle off Port Arthur; four Russian ships disabled.

Feb. 9.—Combat between Japanese squadron and Russian ships Varag and Korietz off Chemulpo; both Russians sunk.

Feb. 9.—Japanese troops landed.

Feb. 9.—Tsar issues formal proclamation of war.

Feb. 9.—Japanese troops occupy Seoul, the capital of Korea.

Feb. 10.—M. Kurino, the Japanese Ambassador, leaves St. Petersburg.

Feb. 11.—Bridge on Manchurian Railway reported blown up.

## TRAINING JAP OFFICERS.

HOW OUR ALLY "GOES ONE  
BETTER" THAN BRITAIN.

Lieutenant-Commander K. Sato, of the Imperial Japanese Navy, explained to an interested audience at the United Service Institution yesterday afternoon the scheme of education laid down for Japanese naval officers of the executive branch.

The Imperial Naval College at Etajima for the education of cadets is open to every male subject between sixteen and twenty, the whole expense of training, food, and clothing being provided by the Government.

The course lasts for three years, after the subjects studied include gunnery, seamanship, engineering, various sciences, and English, the latter occupying more hours per week than any of the other subjects.

The rules are very stringent, and all lazy cadets are ruthlessly weeded out. Among the items of the physical course, jiu-jitsu, the famous Japanese system of wrestling, holds a prominent place. The education of midshipmen is divided into two stages—education in the special training ships, and education in the ships of the standing fleet. In the latter stage there is no regular course, the midshipmen perform junior officers' duty, but the captain of the ship invariably gives orders for their thorough instruction under gunnery, torpedo, and navigating officers.

### "No Traditions."

Sub-lieutenants and lieutenants give close attention to the practical and theoretical sides of their profession. Each officer has to write a yearly essay on military matters, the subject being selected by the captain of his ship who examines and criticises all the work sent in.

In the Higher Naval College at Tokio there are four courses of study: Gunnery, torpedo work, navigation, and tactics, etc.

Commander Sato said he felt it would be admitted that his country had followed closely in the footsteps of the "Mistress of the Seas," but that he had gone one better he would let his audience decide.

Admiral Ingles, Admiral Sir A. Freemantle, and other naval men admitted that in some respects the Japanese Navy did "go one better" than the English. Admiral Freemantle said it had no traditions.

Russian transport Yenisei blown up by a mine at Port Arthur. Four officers and ninety-two men killed.

Declaration of neutrality by the other Great Powers.

Feb. 13.—China addresses a Note to Japan and Russia that if the Imperial Tombs at Mukden are not respected she will take steps to protect them by force.

Feb. 14.—Second night torpedo attack on Port Arthur.

Russian cruiser Boyarin damaged.

Feb. 16.—New cruisers Kasuga and Nishin reach Japan.

Feb. 18.—Russia issues proclamation promising Japan chastisement for her "treachery."

Feb. 19.—First encounter between Cossacks and a small Japanese detachment on Korean territory, on the south side of the Yalu. Some Japanese taken prisoners.

Feb. 23.—Japanese attempt to "bottle up" Port Arthur.

Feb. 24.—Further attack on Port Arthur.

### NEAR EAST FIGHTING.

Desultory fighting continues in the Balkans. Reuter reports that in an encounter between Bulgarians and Turks at Sarigol on Wednesday the former had eight killed and the latter two.

In a battle between Turks and Albanian insurgents near Liuma, the Albanians are reported to have lost 500 in killed and wounded, and the Turkish loss was also heavy.

The Albanians, it is said, are showing signs of good organisation; their tactics are up to date, and all their movements betray the presence of some skilful leader. Though they have lost heavily in the recent fighting they are still undiminished, and their numbers are even said to be increasing.

Shemsi Pasha, who was slightly wounded, has incurred the displeasure of the Sultan.

### JUDGE ON MATRIMONY.

Judge Bacon, at Whitechapel yesterday, convulsed his Court with laughter by declaring that he would not marry a lady defendant who objected to give up an engagement ring to her former lover.

The lady had expressed her willingness to marry the swain—by name Solomon Groginski—provided he apologised to her mother, and the Judge, commenting on this "ridiculous stipulation," said, "How could two human beings, who feel towards each other as you do, ever expect to be happy together? I would not marry you." The Court roared, whereupon the Judge hastened to add that he meant he would not marry anyone who played fast and loose with him in that way. He ordered the ring to be returned.

### ARREST BY DISMEMBERMENT.

"We had to take off his wooden leg, as usual, before we could arrest him," a constable told the West Ham magistrate yesterday, alluding to a one-legged prisoner named Dooley, who had violently resisted arrest. It was stated that the man was a "terror" to constables new to the district, until they had learnt the art of putting him out of action by taking off his leg.

Alien immigration and the Bill whereupon the Government hope to cope with that question are expected to receive the attention of the Government within the next fortnight.

Lord Dalmeny's chauffeur, Albert Sugden, of 38, Berkeley-square, was fined 5s. and costs at Tottenham yesterday for driving a motor-car without an identification plate. He stated that the plate was affixed to the car when he started, and must have fallen off.

## WAR FLASHES.

Sidelights on the Conflict  
from Far and Near.

### FACTS AND OPINIONS.

Dysentery is said to be prevailing among the Russian troops.

Measures are in progress for raising the Varig which was sunk at Chemulpo, but is said not to be seriously damaged.

"Iska" ("The Spark"), a Polish revolutionary paper, declares that the war will cause the downfall of absolutism in Russia.

There are on the Trans-Siberian Railway 300 stations, 751 locomotives, 548 passenger wagons, 7,743 goods wagons, and 14,738 employees.

Though Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, is still suffering from a severe cold, he is able to attend to his diplomatic duties.

General Kuropatkin, the new Russian Commander-in-Chief, will leave for the Far East in about a fortnight's time.

Messrs. Samuel, Samuel, and Co., of Yokohama, of which firm Sir Marcus Samuel is a partner, have subscribed £1,000 to the Japanese Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

Count Von Bulow, the German Imperial Chancellor, denies the reported secret projects of Germany, and declares Germany's strict adherence to neutrality.

Japanese authorities have seized a large quantity of mess beef consigned to the Russian Government by the steamer Korea, from San Francisco for Vladivostok.

Admiral Alexieff, in a proclamation, says the interests of Russia and China are indisputably allied "on the principle of mutual connexion between the cart-prop and the cart."

Madame Loubet has sent £20 to the Association of French Ladies and £20 to the Union of the Ladies of France, both of which societies have opened a subscription in aid of the Russian wounded.

M. Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine, declares that he can foresee no possibility of a conflict, but that it is necessary for France to be prepared for all eventualities. The fleet is in excellent condition.

Countess Bobrinski is leaving Moscow for Lake Baikal to arrange a depot for the comforts of the soldiers, who, so far, have been obliged to make the wearisome march over the icebound lake without receiving any warm food.

Russia's contention that the attack of Japan was a "treacherous" because it was not preceded by a formal declaration of war is ridiculed by the Germans. One Berlin newspaper shows that of 120 wars which were waged between 1700 and 1870, 110 began without such a formality.

It was by the Japanese Emperor's specially expressed wish that the officers who navigated Japan's new cruisers to the East were received at the Palace. The Emperor addressed the officers in English in handing them their decorations. The two cruisers are now ready to join the fleet.

This is the opinion of an Englishman resident in Russia:—"The power of Russia (on land), though a trifle sluggish and unwieldy, is vast, and her resources are immense. She will no more allow herself to be vanquished in the 'finals' than we should have permitted Boer to get the best of Britain."

American papers ridicule Russia's complaints of "treachery." One says:—"The spectacle of this mighty Russian Empire, with its terrifying military traditions and its symbolic ravens, sprawling on all fours, in a continual whine for sympathy of the world, would be one to touch the pity of mankind were it not so essentially grotesque."

### How Port Arthur was Christened.

From 1857-62 the British Navy had a surveying party out in the China waters. Mr. W. Blakeney R.N., one day observed that Lieutenant-Commander (afterwards Captain) Arthur, of H.M.S. Algerine, had anchored his ship in the bay on which Lu-shun-kou stood. This was the first foreign vessel that had ever entered the bay, and it has ever since borne Arthur's name.

### Japanese "Tommy's" Food.

Rice and dried fish are the uniform food of the Japanese Army in campaigning times. The rice is boiled until quite thick and glutinous; then it is placed on a slab, rolled out, and cut into squares. The squares are placed in the sun to dry. All the when hard as sea-biscuits are stored. All the soldier has to do is to break up a square in boiling water and to add the dried fish. In a few minutes he has what seems to him a delicious thick soup.

### The Chemulpo Wounded.

In answer to Mr. Gibson Bowles, Earl Pease stated in the Commons yesterday afternoon that 325 Russian sailors were rescued from the naval station at Chemulpo by a British man-of-war. The Government hoped that a mutual arrangement might be made as to their disposal.

They thought it better to detain the men on British territory until after the war, but the Japanese Government were willing to allow them to return to Russia on a promise on their part that they would take no further part in the war.

### "DAILY MAIL" WAR MAP.

Owing to the continued large demand for the map of the "Far East," over 100,000 copies have now been produced. The scale is larger and the information is fuller than any other map published at the same price.

The map folds within a cover into convenient size and may be obtained from the publishers, George Philip and Son, Limited, 32, Fleet-street, E.C.4, and of all booksellers, newsagents, and bookstalls. Price 1s. 1d., or mounted on cloth, 2s. 7d.



## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Easterly and south-easterly breezes; cloudy and cold; occasional slight snow or sleet. Lighting-up time: 6.32 p.m. Sea passages in the English Channel and North Sea will be smooth; in the Irish Channel, moderate.

## TO-DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE.

Admiral Alexeief, in his official report to the Tsar, claims that the Japanese attempt early on Tuesday to "cork and bottle" Port Arthur failed. A fresh attack during the dark hours of Wednesday morning is announced by the Russians, who claim to have repulsed the Japanese.—(Pages 1 and 2.)

Lord Selborne yesterday gave a flat contradiction to the statements emanating from Russian sources with respect to England's attitude in the war with Japan. He said he feared there was some inducement to work to misrepresent the attitude of this country.—(Page 15.)

In the Commons the House, after a number of questions had been answered, went into Committee of Supply on the Army Supplementary Estimates. On a division at the evening sitting the Government majority fell to 14.—(Page 15.)

Mr. Balfour returned to the Commons at the afternoon sitting, and was heartily greeted by members as he entered the House.—(Page 3.)

The Duke of Devonshire is confined to his room with a severe cold. All his immediate engagements have been cancelled.—(Page 15.)

Seven persons lost their lives in a fire at Duke's Head-passage, Paternoster-row, City. Though the brigades were promptly in attendance, so fiercely did the mischief spread, that absolutely nothing could be done to rescue the inmates.—(Page 11.)

Mr. C. Edwards, barrister, applied at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday for a summons against Mr. E. T. Hooley for obtaining large sums of money by false pretences. The magistrate suggested that a sworn information be prepared, and Mr. Hooley, attending later, was advised to await developments.—(Page 6.)

There has been a startling sequel to the sensational tragedy at Maidstone, dragging operations on the Medway resulting in the discovery of Mr. Charles Tootell's body. A letter addressed to his sister, and said to be in Mr. Tootell's handwriting, contained a significant statement.—(Page 4.)

In a report before the Middlesex Hospital Governors at their meeting yesterday mention was made of the fact that all so-called cancer cures have as yet proved fruitless.—(Page 2.)

News has come to hand of Mr. Reynolds, the Worthing resident who was reported missing after his empty boat had been picked up at sea. He was picked up by a barge in the Channel.—(Page 4.)

For the third time Mr. Charles Evans Hill, a solicitor's clerk, of Evesham, yesterday sought from Sir F. Jeune and a jury a divorce from his wife, alleging misconduct, which was denied. The hearing was adjourned.—(Page 6.)

The action for libel and slander brought by Mr. A. B. Lucy, a divinity student, against Mr. E. H. Wilkins, a Croydon resident, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, damages one farthing.—(Page 6.)

Count Enrico Brenelli, described as a vocalist, was at Bow-street Police Court yesterday further remanded, charged with being concerned in obtaining money by false pretences.—(Page 6.)

Special inquiries made on behalf of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* show that the Far Eastern war is not likely to have very much effect on our food supplies. The decision of the Russian Government to forbid the use of the railway for commercial purposes has resulted in large cold storage stocking.—(Page 8.)

Included among the witnesses in a Bow-street case was the secretary to M. Lebaudy, who, said counsel, had been staying at a house which was a sort of Downing-street for the Sahara.—(Page 4.)

Latest news from Australia regarding the Test match to be played at Sydney to-day is that the wicket is hard and the weather forecast predicts unsettled weather.—(Page 14.)

Tottenham Hotspur won their replayed Cup-tie to meet Sheffield Wednesday in the next round, at Tottenham.—(Page 14.)

Owing to a false start in the Debdale N.H. Plate Race at Warwick yesterday, the Stewards decided that it should be void, and ordered the race to be run again. St. Moritz was then permitted to walk over.—(Page 14.)

On 'Change yesterday things were very quiet, there being extremely little business doing. Foreign securities were constantly changing, and the market in South African mining shares was very unsteady. Home rails were flat.—(Page 15.)

## To-Day's Arrangements.

The Speaker holds a levee.  
Northampton Institute presents the prizes to the students of the Gala performance at St. John-street-road.  
Associates of the City of London International Commercial Association.  
Lord Selborne at Woodbridge.  
National Liberal Federation: Annual meeting of the National committee, Leeds.  
Mr. Bonar Law opens a discussion on "Fiscal Policy," at the Seasonal dinner of the United Club, the Metro, 7.30.  
Royal Institution, Albemarle-street: Mr. A. Siemens on "New Developments in Electric Railways," 9.  
Sir Albert Koller presents at the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Society, Hotel Cecil, 7.30.  
British and American Mission Homes, Paris: Meeting, 16, Cornwall-gardens, 8.  
South Birmingham Division: Polling.  
Society of Women Journalists, at Home.  
Fourth Test Match at Sydney.

## TO "CORK UP" PORT ARTHUR.



The Japanese have attempted to seal up the Russian fleet in Port Arthur by sinking four vessels in the mouth of the harbour. The Russians were on the watch, however, and the plan failed. The Japanese torpedo boats which escorted the four steamers escaped unhurt.

## GIANT'S FUNERAL.

King's Heaviest Subject Buried at Dover. Yesterday.

Huge crowds of people assembled outside the Star Inn at Dover, the residence of the late proprietor, Mr. Thomas Longley, whose funeral took place yesterday. They were largely attracted by curiosity, for Mr. Longley was regarded as the King's heaviest subject. Fifty-eight years of age, he was altogether an immense figure, weighing over forty-four stone, and was 6ft. 1in. in height. He was a great personality in Dover, and whenever he moved from his domain he was a centre of attraction. Frequently he visited London, and for his convenience a special railway carriage with a door duly accommodating itself to his enormous width was provided for him.

The coffin containing the deceased's remains measured 7ft. in length, 3ft. 7in. in width, and 2ft. 6in. in depth. It was found impossible to get it through the ordinary door of the hotel, and a window in the bar had to be taken out to allow the coffin to be removed from the house. Ten strong men were required to carry the deceased to his last resting-place.

## MR. BALFOUR'S RETURN.

Warmly Welcomed by the House of Commons.

The monotonous round of daily questions was yesterday broken by an incident of a particularly pleasing and stimulating type. The boyish-looking Lord Percy was reading a reply to an hon. member on the opposite bench when a great shout went up. The Premier, his hands filled with white papers, his head bent, was seen walking to his seat.

Mr. Balfour was paler than usual, and it was noticed that his hair had grown a little whiter, but from the animated conversations he enjoyed with his colleagues, Mr. Akers-Douglas and Mr. George Wyndham, between whom he sat, the Prime Minister was apparently in the best of spirits.

His stay, however, was a short one. He arrived at a quarter to three; he left the Debating Chamber ten minutes later, his personal and political friends assembling in ever-increasing numbers in his private room to give him their hearty congratulations.

At 4.30 the Premier was at Victoria again, taking the express to Brighton, where he will stay till Monday next.

## KING'S WEEK-END TRIPS.

A Healthy Example Which Society is Emulating.

Undoubtedly the healthy example set by the King has been responsible for the fact that most London society people now make it a rule to spend each week-end out of town.

So far this year his Majesty has only remained in London on two Sundays. On January 3 he was at Windsor; on the 10th he was staying with the Duke of Devonshire at Chatsworth; on the 17th he was at Sandringham for the shooting; and on the 24th he was back at Windsor.

On February 7 and 14 the King spent both Sundays in London; but on the 21st he was off once more for a week-end at Portsmouth. Next Sunday his Majesty will remain at Buckingham Palace, and on Monday will hold a Levee at St. James's Palace. On Tuesday, St. David's Day, he will go down to Cambridge to open the new Law Schools.

Such brief respites from the great burden of work which falls upon his shoulders must be held largely responsible for the marvellous manner in which his Majesty seems able to endure fatigue.



## MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

Interesting and Curious Happenings from Many Sources.

New London Bridge will be finished by March 20, a fortnight before the time fixed by the terms of the contract.

Spanish rioters at Madrid have adopted the "Marseillaise" as a rallying chant in their conflict with the police.

Sir Frank Lascelles entertained the German Emperor at dinner at the British Embassy, Berlin, yesterday.

Still-alley, Houndsditch, is the site of the new Stock Exchange rifle range, presented by Col. Inglis at a cost of £15,000.

Regulations have been approved by the Home Secretary prescribing prison diet for ill-conducted and idle inmates of State inebriate reformatories.

Mr. James Paris Lee, who was born at Hawick in 1831, the joint-inventor of the Lee-Metford and Lee-Enfield rifles, has died at New Haven, Conn.

Mr. H. H. Marks, formerly M.P. for St. George's-in-the-East, having failed to secure adoption as the official Conservative candidate for the Thanet division of Kent, has announced his

tugs a diplomatic controversy arose between the British Government and the Haytian Government, which lasted several years and was eventually settled in favour of the Maunder family.

Widows of a late inspector and late sergeant of the City Police appeared yesterday at the Bar of the Court of Common Council seeking relief. The Council is considering a pension scheme which will obviate these undignified applications.

British trade in carbide is being driven into the hands of foreign ship-owners by restrictions placed on its transit by British ship-owners, complained Sir Charles S. Forbes, presiding at the annual meeting of the Acetylene Association.

At a meeting of the National Steamship Company yesterday the report showed a loss of £42,000—by depreciation £22,500, and the remainder in cash. A proposal to wind up the company was not carried.

George Bailey was killed yesterday by falling from the top of Rochester Cathedral. He was in the employ of the contractors for the reconstruction of the tower, and was assisting to erect the scaffold-

## ADrift AT SEA.

Worthing Sportsman Saved by a Barge and Nursed Back to Life.

Mr. Reynolds, who went out shooting in a small sailing boat a week ago and had not been heard of since, returned to Worthing yesterday.

A crowd gathered at Worthing Railway Station to witness his arrival, and much sympathy was evinced at his weak, haggard appearance. Although still suffering from the effects of his thrilling adventure he kindly granted a *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative a brief interview. He had been out in the boat about a couple of hours and was off Shoreham, he said, when he was seized with heart attack and rendered unconscious. He must have remained insensible for several hours, as when he recovered somewhat it was quite dark, and to his great dismay the wind had shifted to north-west and the boat was heading out to sea.

Brighton and Worthing lights seemed very far away, and owing to the strong flood tide it was impossible to fetch the land. He realised the great peril he was in, and gave himself up for lost, but kept his boat steadily heading still farther out to sea, as he felt his only chance was to be picked up by some passing vessel. He sat

## MAIDSTONE'S TRAGEDIES.

Body of the Missing Auctioneer Found in the Medway.

After a search extending over thirty hours, the body of Mr. Charles Tootell was found in the River Medway yesterday evening. He had disappeared from his home on Wednesday morning, and the discovery of the dead bodies of his wife and two daughters in their bedrooms led to the belief that he had murdered them and subsequently taken his own life by drowning in the Medway.

A letter has been discovered which sheds some light on the terrible affair which has now resulted in four deaths. The letter is said to have been written by Mr. Tootell, and was addressed to his sister, who visited the family on the night prior to the tragedy.

The document reads as follows:—

My Dear Sister,—I have made a great mistake. Take care of Rene (the youngest daughter). Let Bill (his brother) settle matters. My mind is gone. I don't know what will happen.

CHARLES.  
The girl Rene referred to in the letter is the second daughter, and is at a school in Folkestone. It was thought probable that the father would visit her, but the police there say he did not visit the town this week. The names of the two other girls who were found dead were Evelyn, aged twenty-two, and Audrey, aged fourteen. Mrs. Tootell was, prior to her marriage, a Miss Secretan of Croydon.

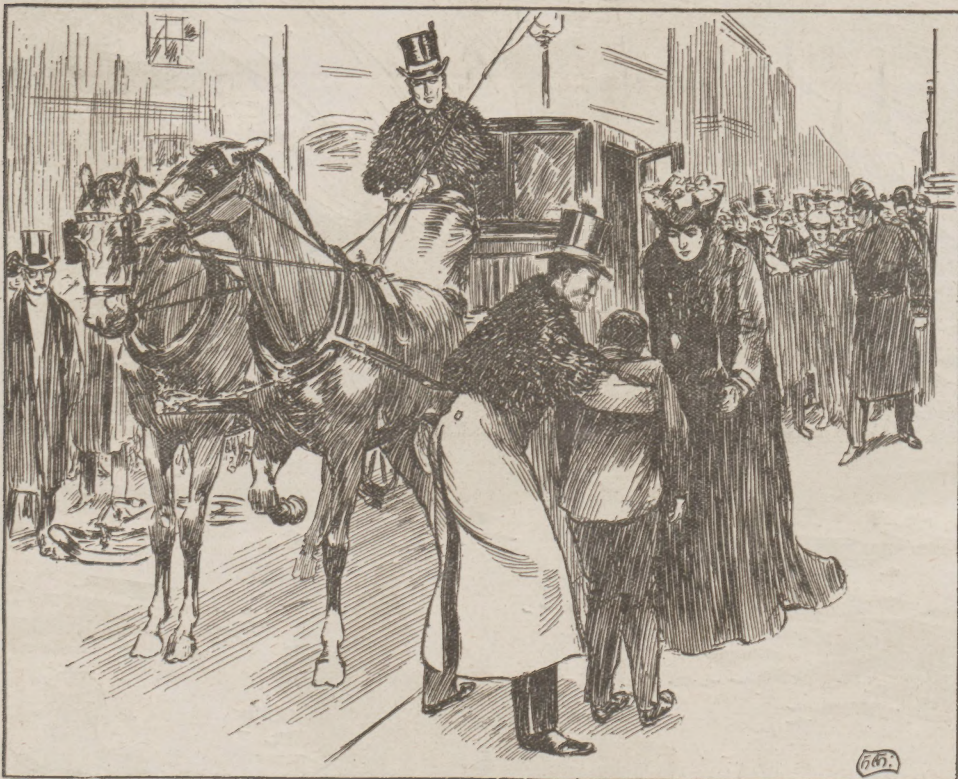
Pending the inquest, which opens at Maidstone Town Hall this morning, the bodies of the three victims remain exactly as when first discovered. It is supposed that death took place about two o'clock in the morning, and the discovery was not made until nine o'clock, in spite of the fact that the maids occupied a room immediately above the rooms in which the girls slept. Nothing occurred during the night in the hearing of the maids to indicate that a terrible tragedy was being committed so near to them.

Medical gentlemen who have examined the bodies of Mrs. Tootell and the girls are of the opinion that the former was murdered in her sleep. Her face wears a peaceful expression, and the clothes of the bed do not appear to have been unduly disturbed. The two girl victims occupied separate rooms, and from the fact that one of them has been severely cut about the hands, it is thought that she was only killed after a struggle.

Mr. Tootell was about fifty years of age. His business was flourishing, his income being estimated at about £1,500 a year. He resided in the name of their residence, is a fine house, standing in its own grounds, and was purchased by Mr. Tootell several years ago.

Deaths in the temperance section of the Scottish Life Insurance Association were at the rate of 55.00 per cent., against 79.32 in the general section. This was mentioned by the chairman at yesterday's meeting as a striking testimony in favour of teetotalism.

## PRINCESS OF WALES IN AN ACCIDENT.



As the Princess of Wales was driving along Pall Mall the royal carriage ran over a cyclist, who was badly bruised and shaken. The Princess was greatly concerned, and waited until she was assured that the injured man was not seriously hurt. During the confusion the broken bicycle was stolen.

mention of contesting the seat and thus splitting the Party vote. The accepted candidate is Mr. W. E. Nicholls, who contested Accrington at the last election, and is L.C.C. candidate for Norwood.

High Court Taxing Masters have a short way of dealing with heavy solicitors' bills of costs. The City Press instances a case where a bill for £10,034 was reduced to £5,807.

The City Corporation yesterday decided almost unanimously not to organise a scheme of municipal fire insurance of buildings within the City area.

Sir Duncan Edwyn Hay, of King's Meadows, Haystoun, Peebles, was yesterday under the new Act fined £5 at St. Neots, Huntingdonshire, for driving a motor-car at excessive speed.

Theatres and music-halls licensed by the Middlesex County Council must in future be provided with a fire-proof curtain and the positions of the exits must be printed on all programmes.

Lloyd's agent reports the German Emperor's yacht Hohenzollern and a German gunboat arrived off Dover yesterday morning and left for the westward, en route to Malta.

Mr. Walter Long, who yesterday received a deputation from the Rural Housing and Sanitation Association, said that a vast improvement in the houses of the working class had taken place during the past five or ten years.

Draft rules were issued yesterday under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act. Provision is made for lists of barristers and solicitors willing to act for poor prisoners to be kept by every Clerk of Assize and Clerk of the Peace.

When the King and Queen go to St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, March 6, their Majesties will drive by way of the Mall and the Embankment, in plain carriages and attended by a small suite only.

Count de Faubert Maunder, who has just died in London in his forty-fourth year, owned the island of Tortuga, in the West Indies, where he lived for years with his brothers. In connection with Tor-

ing when a rope he was fixing snapped in two and precipitated him to the ground. Death was almost instantaneous. Bailey leaves a wife and four children.

### PRINCESS AND INJURED CYCLIST.

In accordance with the request she had made, the Princess of Wales was last evening informed that the Clerkenwell youth injured by her Royal Highness's carriage in the Mall was making good progress.

The carriage was proceeding very slowly at the time, and the youth, riding a bicycle, with his head over the handle-bar, failed to notice the coachman prepare to turn into the royal stables. The lady requested by the Princess to make inquiries was the Countess of Arlisle.

down at the bottom of the boat to get a little protection from the cold wind, his arms and legs being quite numb. To make matters worse a thick fog came on, but to his great joy a light suddenly loomed up. It was, he said, quite impossible to describe his feelings at that moment. He felt here was his only chance of life, and he was in mental agony lest he should not be seen or heard. He tried to shout, but had lost his voice and could not utter a sound. Seizing his oars, he frantically pulled his very hardest and most fortunately was able to get alongside a sailing barge, for such was the vessel whose light he had seen. One of the crew caught sight of him and succeeded in pulling him aboard. He then lost consciousness and remembers nothing more till on Wednesday awakening and finding himself in bed in a little room at Gravesend.

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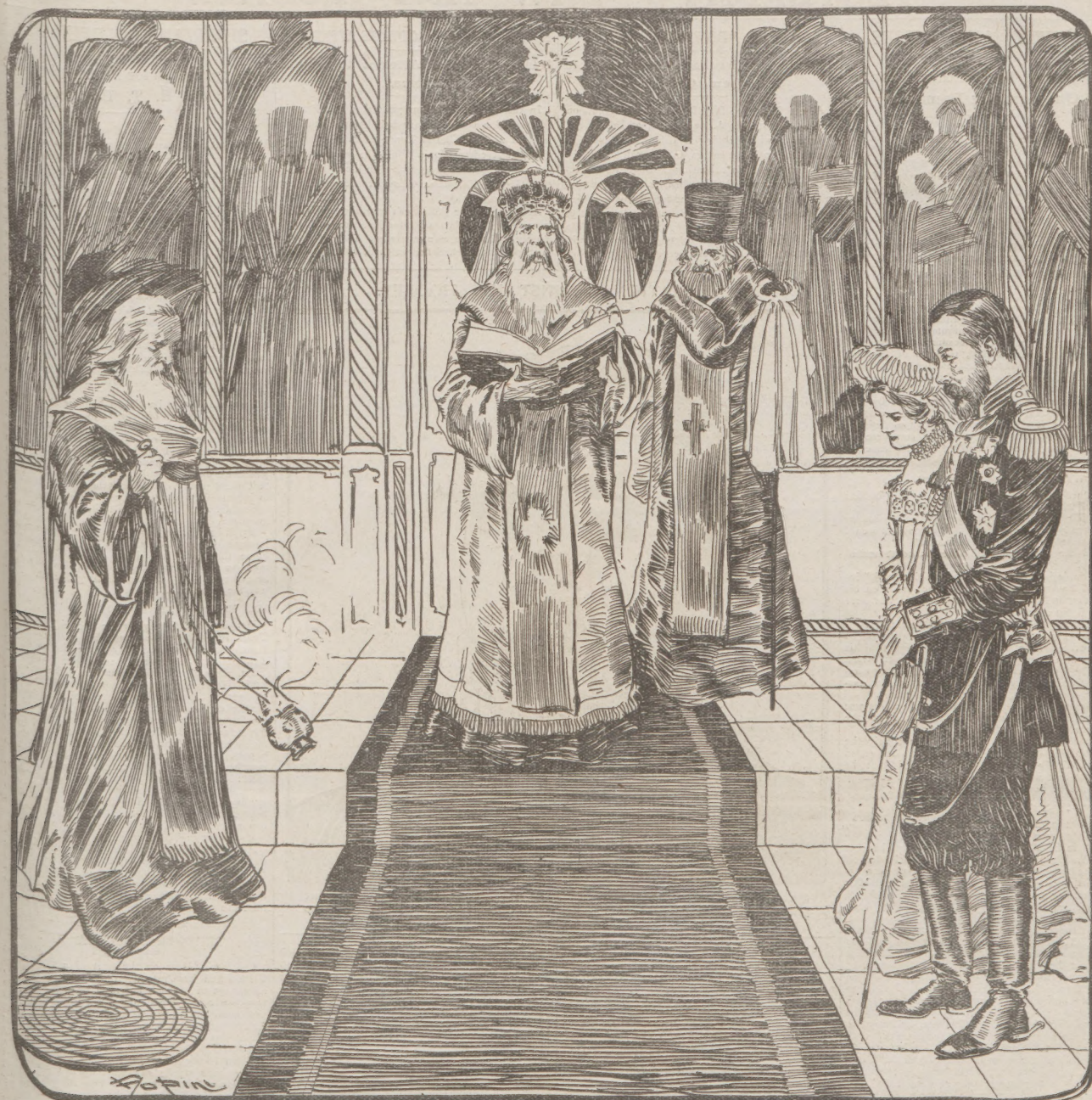
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## THE TSAR GIVES THANKS.



The news that the Russian fleet has sunk four Japanese steamers before the Japs could do it themselves has caused the greatest rejoicing in St. Petersburg, and a special Te Deum was sung at the Winter Palace before the Tsar and Tsaritsa.

## HOW TO FASCINATE.

Useful Hints to Fair Seekers after Leap-Year Opportunities.

## CUT THIS OUT—

Appropriately enough, on the eve of the fateful 29th, the Talisman Publishing Company, of Harrogate, has published a book entitled "The Art of Fascination."

Here the Leap Year maiden may discover how best to beguile the bashful Leap Year man.

Glance down this list of temperaments. When you have identified the man of your choice the rest will be easy.

## SEVEN DEADLY CERTAINTIES.

1. Phlegmatic.—Fleshy body; pale dull complexion; light hair; pale blue, or grey eyes. Cold, moist and changeable. These people are generally slow, apathetic, you will find him kindly toward you and promise to do what you desire, but he is made up of excuses and as soon as you are out of his sight he will change his mind.
2. Lymphatic.—Fleshy body; pink and white complexion; light brown hair; blue eyes. Cold and social. These are by nature sanguine, languid, to be interested in his hobbies, talk on the drama, pleasure excursions and the like, then come to business and state clearly and forcibly what you desire.
3. Sanguine.—Robust, broad shoulders; red and ruddy complexion, but with a brownish tint; dark eyes with large pupils. Hot and moist hands. Active, ardent, cheerful, hasty, and buoyant. Injuring. Always be demonstrative in your thanks.
4. Bilious.—A strong, bony frame, with well proportioned limbs; yellowish, sallow complexion, with red and soft, piercing grey or greenish-grey eyes. Hot and moist hands. Emotional, critical, pathetic, and persevering. In dealing with this man bear in mind that he has exalted ideas of his own and will find a flaw in yours. You must agree with him and let him

see that your ideas are his and give him all the credit.

5. Choleric.—A square, muscular body, though rather bony; florid, ruddy, sunburnt complexion; chestnut or auburn hair; grey or light hazel eyes. Hot and dry hands. Irritable, brusque, and rapid in movement. To gain his favour you must let him do nearly all the talking. A little flattery will be of use here.

6. Melancholic.—High shoulders, narrow chest; poor legs; pale, dull, or swarthy complexion; black or dusky dark hair; small, deep-set, dark eyes, or hazel. Cold and dry hands. Cautious, suspicious, sceptical, but positive and independent. Here you have a difficult subject to deal with, and the secret of your success will be in gaining his confidence. These people are often interested in religious subjects, mysticism, and the occult. Always speak truthfully and do not exaggerate; while conversing look him frankly in the face.

7. Nervous.—A well-proportioned body, chest rather broad, but neat appearance; pale olive complexion; red-brown or chestnut hair; grey or blue eyes, often with green or brown spots in them. The temperature of the hands varies. Lively, witty, and intuitive; never still, of good business capacity. These people are fond of news, and like to hear about others, they will often call attention to aristocracy and pedigree. Get your business settled quickly, for they are very fickle and changeable, and you must never expect to find them in the same mood twice.

If you can decide which of these classes your friends belong to, you will find it very simple to make them do what you want.

## A TELEPHONE STORY.

It is related in the "Wiener Extrablatt," Vienna, that when Herr Eric Schmides, an opera singer, had retired for the night, he was awakened by a telephone call. Going to the instrument the speaker said, "Forgive me for disturbing you. But I want to know if you are going to sing in 'Lohengrin' next Monday." I should like to take two seats." Herr Schmides hesitated and then replied "Yes." The reply came quickly. "Ah! what a pity! Then I shall wait till Herr Slizak sings 'Lohengrin.'" Herr Schmides remained quiet, for he had recognised the voice of his tormentor. Then he called back: "That is your voice, my dear Slizak." And he was right. "Good-night, dear child, sleep well," answered Slizak, and departed.

## LEAP YEAR CARNIVAL.

The Dance at the Empress Rooms in Aid of Dumb Friends.

## —AND USE IT.

"I love thee not; therefore, pursue me not." It is to be hoped that no modern Demetrius will be so ungallant as to thus spurn his Helena at the leap-year carnival ball on Monday, but as it will be perhaps the most topsy-turvy ball ever held in London it is probable that the night of February 29 will give occasion for as many unexpected queries and replies as ever confused mortals and fairies on Midsummer Night.

If numbers count for anything the ball will be a great success, for over seven hundred people have applied for tickets, and the second ballroom at the Empress Rooms has had to be engaged, and services of additional members of the Scots Guards band have been solicited. Both ballrooms will be decorated as a carnival fair, and serpentine will be distributed among the dancers.

Introduction will be made by a corps of twenty-eight pierrots accompanied by pierrettes who will act as stewards, and will see that all leap-year regulations are strictly enforced.

In fact, so far has the 29th idea been carried out that one well-known lady who is taking a large party has presented all her men friends not only with ball but with supper tickets.

Everyone intends to appear in fancy dress, and to aid the carnival spirit the redoubtable Clarkson will attend with a nice assortment of dominoes, comic masks, and disguises, and hidden away in a little room he guarantees to work as marvellous changes in appearance as ever did Puck.

There will be full scope for rivalry, and prizes for the most successful and energetic carnival makers. There are prizes for the most original gentlemen's costumes, and Mr. C. Vanday has

fixed up a studio where he will not only photograph everyone free, but present enlarged framed photographs to the most beautifully garbed ladies. Before supper there will be two step dances, and after supper the cake-walk, but the carnival must cease at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning, March 1, though the consequences may go on for years, with what happy results who can say?

## OX'S EXPENSIVE FODDER.

Our Vienna correspondent sends a story concerning a woman living at Wels, Austria, who went to a farm with the intention of buying two oxen. While inspecting them, her handbag, containing banknotes of the value of £20, fell unnoticed to the ground. She did not discover her loss until she had started on her way homewards, and then hurried back quickly to the stall and searched everywhere. To her horror she discovered that one ox had a piece of her handbag in its mouth and was busily chewing it. The banknotes had, alas! already been swallowed. It is not related whether she purchased the oxen.

## HE KEPT COOL!

I know an American of pure English descent who found himself in a burning German theatre one night. In an instant there was a panic, and a frantic woman clung to his arms and implored him to save her. He was very near-sighted, and in the confusion his eyeglasses had fallen off. "I certainly will," he said, reassuringly, "if you will just let me put on my glasses." Then he climbed up on the seat, calmly gauged a possible chance of escape, and rescued his companion and himself. —Mrs. John Lane, in the "Fortnightly Review."

Further casualties in the recent fighting in German South-West Africa, reported yesterday, include nine men murdered, five killed, and eleven killed severely in action, and Captain Kliefoth slightly wounded.



# YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

## DIVINITY AND KISSES.

### Jury Award the Youthful Plaintiff One Farthing Damages.

That love story—the tenderest that has come into court during recent times—ended yesterday in a farthing damages. A farthing was the sum that the jury awarded Mr. Arthur Bertram Lucy, the nineteen-year-old hero of the Croydon kissing case, to help him on his way towards a bishopric. Before deciding on this sum the jury deliberated for an hour.

At the resumption of proceedings in the morning Mr. Wilkins, the defendant in Mr. Lucy's libel action, again occupied the witness-box. His evidence was destined in a great measure to help the Court to get over its regret that Mr. Lucy was no longer dispensing as a witness sweet memories of moth-hunting—and kisses—behind bushes. For Mr. Wilkins, matter of fact and unromantic though he looks, supplied under cross-examination details of two further romances that, in spite of the fact that there was no theological flavour about them, were in their several ways of the most engrossing order.

But before Mr. Wilkins was conducted by Mr. Chambers, K.C., into the charmed region so lately occupied by Mr. Lucy he was invited to describe the circumstances under which he considered a husband was justified in making his wife leave his house.

#### Mr. Wilkins Passes Judgment.

"A wife who grossly disobeyed her husband," said Mr. Wilkins, with the air of a man passing a final judgment, "and disregarded her promises continually would be a wife that a husband would be justified in turning out of doors."

And the many married ladies in court smiled grimly.

"You desire to pose as an injured husband," inquired Mr. Chambers, with a sweet smile on his face that indicated that the magic pale was once more being approached.

Mr. Wilkins (severely): I do not pose at all.

Then very blandly Mr. Chambers recalled to Mr. Wilkins' mind that in 1897 he was living with his family at a house near Tatsfield, in Kent. What did the household consist of? Mr. Wilkins replied that there were three maid-servants, a gardener, a coachman, a boy, and a governess.

"Governess" was the word Mr. Chambers was waiting for. "What was the name of the governess?" he asked.

Mr. Wilkins was at first unable to supply the information, but when Mr. Chambers suggested "Miss Emily Shepherd" he replied that he thought that was the name. "We had so many governesses, you see," he added.

Visits to Daly's.

With regard to Miss Emily Shepherd Mr. Chambers then elicited the following facts. She ceased to be May and Cicely's governess because Mrs. Wilkins objected to her. Mrs. Wilkins herself left the house because her husband called upon her to substantiate her charges against him and Miss Shepherd or go. Miss Shepherd, at Mr. Wilkins's expense, learned music at the Royal College. Miss Shepherd, partly at Mr. Wilkins's expense, furnished rooms at 20, Cambridge-mansions, Battersea.

Miss Shepherd became an actress, and was so successful in the rôle of the "Country Girl" that she went to go round to the stage door of Daly's to call on Miss Shepherd. Mr. Wilkins also paid visits to her at Cambridge-mansions, and sometimes took May and Cicely with him. A parcel found its way to Richmond Lodge, Croydon, addressed to "Miss Shepherd, the actress."

"Now, Mr. Wilkins," said Mr. Chambers, taking several of these facts in turn, "do you think that that is an incident that would help to cement the happiness of the happy home at Croydon?"

Mr. Wilkins did not see that there was anything his wife could object to. He denied that when the cuckoo came by mistake to Croydon, he said, "Oh, dear, how silly of the people, I ordered it for my mother." (Loud laughter.)

From Daly's Theatre to the Duchess Theatre, Balham, was an easy transition, and Mr. Chambers had another romance to weave round the latter theatre. "Let us come," he said, "to another incident at the happy home at Croydon." Was it true that Mr. Wilkins, while his wife was lying ill with neuritis, took his housemaid, Esther Cheeseman, to a performance? Mr. Wilkins replied that it certainly was not true.

The Cook Gets Into Hot Water.

"But," objected Mr. Chambers, "the cook said that she saw Esther go with your wife."

"Yes," replied Mr. Wilkins, jolly, "she said so, and I discharged her the next morning for lying." (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Chambers: I see. You discharged the cook and your wife discharged the housemaid.

During Mr. Chambers's final speech the emotions of some romance-lovers at the back of the court got the better of their discretion, and they applauded; but when the Judge said, "I will send anybody I catch making that noise again to prison," the applause at once subsided.

During his summing-up Mr. Justice Wilks pointed out that Mr. Wilkins's friendship to the governess was of quite an innocent character. Judgment was entered for the farthing damages.

#### THE ONLY JUSTIFICATION.

A woman charged at North London Police Court yesterday with being drunk in Anherst-road, Hackney, on Wednesday afternoon pleaded that she had taken a little drink after she had been to a dentist, who, she informed the magistrate, had not given her gas.

The Magistrate: Going to a dentist's who did not provide gas would be the only occasion on which getting drunk would be justified. Go away and don't get drunk again.

In the action brought by Mrs. Gertrude Hartl, of Harley-street, W., against the London General Omnibus Company, Limited, and Messrs. Pontifex and Co. for damages in respect of personal injuries sustained in a Holborn collision the jury found for the plaintiff and awarded her £100.

## SAHARA'S "DOWNING-STREET."

### "Empire's" Business Transacted in Tottenham Court-road.

Albert Marichy, fifty-three, was charged, on remand, before Sir A. de Rutzen, at Bow-street, yesterday, with keeping a disorderly house in South-crescent, Tottenham Court-road. On the occasion of the last hearing Sub-Divisional Inspector Monk stated that when he raided the premises he found that the ground floor was occupied by two of the Emperor of Sahara's Secretaries of State.

Mr. Jonas said he had intended calling as witnesses both the Emperor's secretaries, but unfortunately one of them had died.

## THROUGH THE COTTAGE WINDOW.

### Husband's Third Attempt to Obtain Divorce.

In the Divorce Division yesterday, Sir Francis Jeune and a common jury had before them the petition of Mr. Charles Evans Hill, a solicitor's clerk, of Evesham, for a divorce by reason of the alleged misconduct of his wife with the co-respondent, George Harrell, a labourer. Answers were filed denying the charge.

According to the petitioner's case, the respondent gave way to habits of intemperance, and ultimately he and his wife separated. Having reason to suspect her he had her watched, with the result

## APPLICATION AGAINST MR. HOOLEY.



Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley's affairs came up at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday, when it was alleged that he had obtained £30,000 by false pretences from a Mr. Paine.

Unfortunately one of them had to sail for the Continent with his majesty last Saturday. The other secretary should have gone with him, but in view of this charge he had most loyally elected to remain and give evidence, although at great inconvenience to his country. A very great part of the business of the new Empire had been conducted in the house, which was, in fact, a sort of Downing-street of the Sahara. Defendant had conducted boarding houses for five and a half years without any complaint being made against him.

Jacques Gaston Benoit said he was secretary to M. Lebarry, at present Emperor of the Sahara. During the time he was staying at South-crescent the house was conducted in the most respectable manner. Witness had been staying at the Hôtel Métropole, but found it too expensive.

Sir Albert, in giving his decision, said he would give defendant the benefit of the weakness of the case and discharge him. At the same time he thought it was a proper case to bring forward.

Ada Matthews, thirty-eight, described as a nurse, was at Marylebone Police Court, yesterday, remanded on a charge of stealing a 2d. bundle of red herrings from a street stall. She said in defence that the whole thing was a mistake.

that he brought a suit for divorce, making a man named Cole the co-respondent. Mr. Hill, however, failed to prove his case. A second petition was brought, against the present co-respondent, and the case was heard last November, when the jury disagreed. Now, for the third time, the petitioner sought a divorce, again making Harrell the co-respondent.

Evidence was given that on the night of February 28 last Mrs. Hill and Harrell were seen to enter the cottage where the respondent lived—breaking a window, lifting the latch, and entering thereby. Her husband and some friends afterwards gained admittance.

For the defence Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, the respondent, denied that she was under the influence of drink on the night in question. When she got home she found she had lost the door key. Harrell came by and offered his assistance, and she got into the cottage through the window.

Harrell, she said, followed her. He was under the influence of drink and refused to leave, lying down on the sofa. She went to her bedroom and locked the door, but was later disturbed by her husband's arrival. She denied misconduct, as did Harrell, who also gave evidence.

The case was adjourned.

## SIBERIAN GOLDFIELDS.

### An Application for Process Against Mr. E. T. Hooley.

Yesterday, at Marlborough-street Police Court, Mr. Clement Edwards, barrister, made an application for a summons against Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley for obtaining large sums of money by false pretences from a Mr. Paine.

Counsel explained that the sums alleged to have been thus obtained amounted to the total of £30,000, but he would, in order to obtain the summons, quote only one or two specific cases in which it was alleged money was obtained by false pretences. In October, 1900, Mr. Hooley, he was instructed, represented to Mr. Paine that he was interested in a company called the "Siberian Goldfields Company," which had obtained large goldfields by concession from the Russian Government; that the company was working the goldfields, and that the goldfields formerly belonged to the private cabinet of the Tsar; that gold from the mine to over £4,000,000 had been extracted; and that the company possessed a working capital of £100,000.

He also said that he had sold shares at £4 each, and on the strength of these statements Mr. Paine paid £11,000 for shares. Some of the statements made were questioned, said counsel.

Mr. Kennedy: I think we had better have an information in so important a matter. If you will write one out, and have it sworn, that is all that is necessary. I think it would be desirable to explain why so long a time has elapsed before taking action. I should have to be satisfied on that point.

Mr. Edwards promised to prepare the necessary information and leave it with the magistrate. Some time ago, he added, an application was made to another magistrate, since when the facts necessary for this one had been gathered. That was the cause of delay.

#### Mr. Hooley's Protest.

Mr. Hooley, shortly before the rising of the Court, stepped into the witness-box and said: May I make an application? My name, sir, is Ernest Terah Hooley. I have just seen the newspapers.

Mr. Kennedy: Nothing has been done yet.

Mr. Hooley: I want to know if something can't be done to stop this. They have been blackmailing me for eighteen months. All he wants is to get the thing in the newspapers. It is a very serious thing for me. He has gone to other magistrates making applications to get the thing in the newspapers. He brought an action against me eighteen months ago, and he dare not go on with it.

Mr. Kennedy: I can't stop him doing this. Any one can go against a person in a police court, and say anything he likes. I should wait. Don't jump before you get to the stile, if I may use that expression.

Mr. Hooley: Thank you, sir.

After Mr. Hooley had left the court Mr. Edwards, who had been sitting in counsel's box while Mr. Hooley was in court, said only one previous application in the matter had been made, and that was to Mr. Denman. He then handed the magistrate the "information" and a short deposition.

## PRISONER MAKES A HIT.

Quick-wittedness on the part of a prisoner at Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday secured him the advantage of counsel, although he was unable to resist an admission of obtaining money by false pretences, and had to go to gaol. "An application for counsel under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act was at first refused, whereupon the prisoner—by name William Morrison Crouch—remarked: 'Well, my position is hopeless. I am like a man with a penny cane trying my skill against an expert swordsman with a razor.' The remark had its effect, as Mr. R. O. B. Lane, jun., offered to defend the prisoner gratuitously.

The prisoner had carried on the "Grosvenor Studio," under the name of "Beethoven," and by means of advertisements he had secured several hundred pounds from ladies and gentlemen under the pretence that he would teach them the photographic art, with a prospect of a partnership in business. The premium secured in each case was £50. Occupying a furnished flat in Ebury-street, S.W., at a rental of £105 a year, the prisoner engaged assistants and took pupils, but his customers were scarce, and the employees passed their time in photographing each other. It is true that other ladies sometimes called at the flat, but said the prosecuting council, they were of such attractive beauty that they were photographed without charge.

Police evidence showed that the prisoner was a clever artist, but lazy. Sentence of five months' imprisonment in the second division was passed.

## CHARGE AGAINST A COUNT.

Count Enrico Brenelli, described as a vocalist, was at Bow-street yesterday again remanded on a charge of being concerned with another man in obtaining money by false pretences.

A boarding-house keeper named Jannaway, said the prisoner, whom he had known, told him he had to accompany the Duke of Genoa in the Coronation procession, and borrowed £10 for a fortnight in order to purchase a horse. The money was not repaid.

The police stated that it was proposed to call a gentleman named Lee, who alleged he had been more victimised by the accused than anybody else.

Charged with a violent assault on a lady named Savage, living at Regent's Park, Mr. David Brown, a Persian banker, was at the South-Western Police Court yesterday remanded on bail. It was stated that the prosecutrix was at present detained in hospital.

Mr. Kennedy at Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday imposed a penalty of £5, with five guineas costs, in respect of a summons against the St. James's Club, Piccadilly, for allowing the chimney smoke nuisance. In December, 1902, the magistrate refused to convict on the ground that the club was a private dwelling-house, but the Divisional Court, on appeal, remitted the case.

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## THE HANDY MAN'S BILL.

Once again the amount of money which Parliament is asked to vote for the up-keep of the Navy shows an enormous increase. We say this because a million is really an enormous sum of money, though it may not seem much when it is considered in connection with our huge national expenditure of 144 millions a year. This year's estimate, amounting to £36,889,500, is actually larger by two millions and a half than last year's, but there has been a supplementary estimate for nearly a million and a half, so the net increase of 1904-5 over 1903-4 will only be a little over one million.

“Only, indeed!” many people will say, and will go on to ask where this pouring out of money is to stop. Well, it certainly cannot stop so long as other Powers go on increasing their naval strength. We have made up our minds to keep our Navy equal to those of any two other countries, and until some international agreement can be made which would have the effect of keeping all navies at their present strength, we must continue to add every year to the expenses incurred by keeping our command of the sea.

This year the feature of the shipbuilding programme is the provision for ten new submarines. So far we have not had any opportunity to judge how this kind of craft behaves in actual warfare. Russia is reported to be sending one to the Far East with all possible speed, and as it is going by train it may arrive safely. But none have taken part in any action. At the same time experience gained in such exercises as took place on the Isle of Wight this week justly us in believing that sub-

marines will play an important part in sea fights of the future, and we should be foolish if we did not act upon this belief.

## TEACHING OF PATRIOTISM.

Can you teach children to be patriotic and proud of their country? Of course you can, just as a certain kind of newspaper and a certain kind of politician try to teach grown-up people to prefer to side with the enemies of their country, and to regard patriotism as a folly and a snare. If children are told what a great history Britain has had and how she has so often stood up for the weak and the oppressed, and shown a bold front to would-be tyrants, their quick imaginations will be touched, and they will long for the chance to show their love for her.

Nor could there be any better way of kindling their emotions than that which Mr. Edgar Wallace has proposed in the "Evening News" with a fervour of good sense and enthusiasm that have drawn letters of approval from many famous sailors and soldiers, from Lord Roberts downwards. This plan is to put up in every Board school tablets to keep green the memories of any former scholars who have died in the defence of their country or in an attempt to save life. The "man who carries the gun" gets far too little recognition. Both for this reason, and because it would in Lord Roberts's words "undoubtedly infuse a spirit of patriotism and encourage esprit de corps," the scheme is one that has everything to recommend it.

## BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.

Boris Sarafoff has ordered a motor-car for next season's campaign in Macedonia. If he is not careful with his petrol he will be setting the Balkans in a blaze.

A telegram from Tokio gravely states that the suspension of naval operations recently was due to bad weather in the Gulf of Pechili. Since then a number of Japanese tramp steamers have ceased running.

If it be true that a German steamer has been shot at and hit fifteen times by a Russian cruiser, the Tsar had better be careful. His great chum, the Kaiser, is quite capable of demanding a Russian province for every hole

in a German ship, but the weak part of the story is that a Russian cruiser registered fifteen hits in twenty minutes.

The "Cologne Gazette," flushed with the German victory over the Hottentots, demands that the Ovambo tribe should be deprived of its arms. The Belgians, a more civilised nation, never go as far as this, contenting themselves with cutting off the hands of the natives under their protection.

The Bangor magistrates are still trying to locate the deaf and dumb alien who can neither read nor write. It is a mercy that the poor fellow is not blind and paralytic into the bargain, as this might add to the difficulty of discovering his identity. He will probably be naturalised, in order that he may be found a berth in a Government department.

It is to be feared (says an evening paper) that the appeal which has been made by a distinguished prelate for a stirring lyrical composition in praise of water-drinking is likely to fall (sympathetically) flat.

Fill high, fill high the flowing bowl,  
Yea fill it to the brim.

Let ev'ry jolly kindred soul  
Come kiss the goblet's rim.  
If such ye be come drink with me,  
Dull care I mean to slaughter.  
Fill up, fill up the loving cup,  
I mean, of course, with water.  
Let others sing of Bacchus joys,  
And hiccup in his praise,  
Let reckless rowdy-dowdy boys  
Hymn forth their carousal days,  
Let others seek with wine-flushed cheek  
The drink they find disgrace in.  
Give me a ewer of water pure,  
I mean, to wash my face in.  
(Etc., etc., ad lib.)

Mr. Dooley, of West Ham, uses his wooden leg with such effect on the police that the latter have to separate him from his artificial limb before they can get him to the station. When that is done Mr. Dooley, having scarcely a leg to stand on, realises that further resistance is useless.

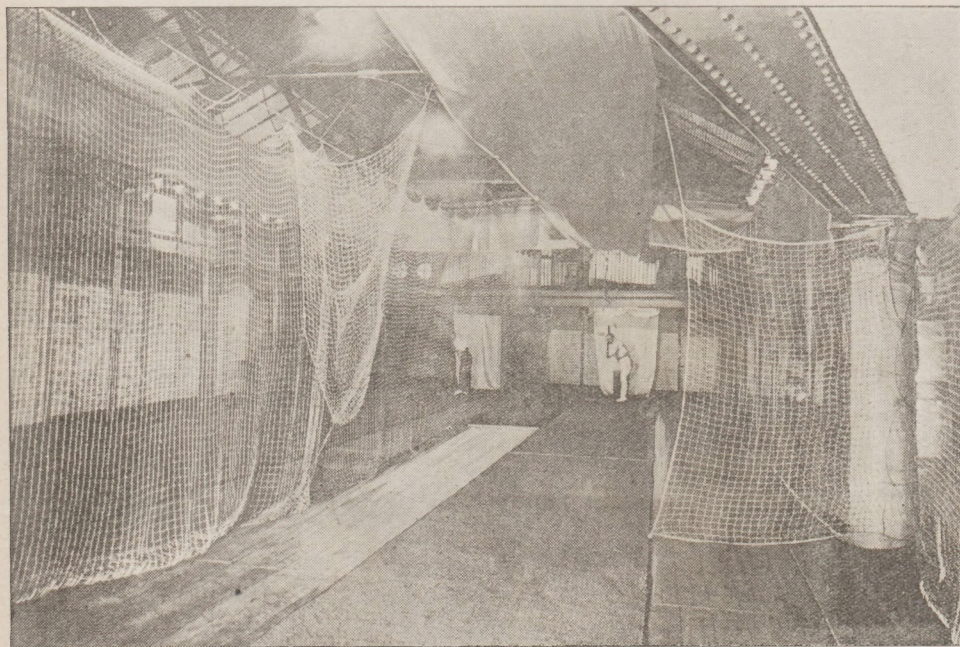
"So diplomatic  
And democratic,  
Is Mr. Dooley-ooley-ooley-oo."

Russia has reconsidered her decision to abandon all ideas of exhibiting at the St. Louis World's Fair, and will complete her buildings there. She has made such a poor exhibition of herself in the Far East that she might easily make a better show in the States. She will probably exhibit her great determination and a selection of battleships ventilated on the Japanese system.



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WINTER CRICKET IN THE HEART OF LONDON.



The cricket enthusiast is not to be balked of his sport by the weather, and a novel cricket pitch has been arranged at St. Bride's Institute, where the swimming bath is daily used for cricket practice. The pitch is covered with cocoanut matting, and netting is hung in all directions to stop the balls. Several of the best-known batsmen play there regularly.

## BREAD AND POULTRY.

### Influence of the War on Our Food Supplies.

Since the outbreak of hostilities in the Far East others beside the Fiscal Parrot have voiced the warning cry "Your food will cost you more."

"Bread has risen in price to a small extent," said an authority in the bakery world to a representative of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, "but the rise is quite natural, and was in the ordinary course of events to be expected."

"Since the autumn prices have been low and a rise was expected. I do not think the war can be held responsible. There is no doubt that Japan and Russia for some time past have been large buyers of flour, but as far as the home price is concerned the rise is caused rather by local competition than wider causes."

"Harvests have been very bad of late. From America an import of 35,000 sacks in a week may be taken as a typical amount, in contrast to the 100,000 sacks a week of a few years ago. The coming harvest in England, owing to the wet, which rots the seed before it germinates, will probably be the worst on record. There is, however, no need for a scare."

"A less important factor in our food supply is Russian poultry and game, as the middle-class consumer would be uncomfortably embarrassed by a rise in prices."

"We import large quantities of poultry and game from Siberia. Since the situation in the Far East became critical the Russian Government has not allowed the railway to be used for commercial consignments. The dealers have therefore been buying up all the poultry they can, and there is an unprecedented amount in cold stores just now."

"If the supply from America and Canada is good, there may be a glut in the market, and prices will



The Jap is as good a business man as he is a fighter, and in America many of them are millionaires. The Japanese millionaires of New York have held a dinner, at which they announced that they would make every sacrifice to provide their country with the sinews of war.



Troops departing from St. Petersburg for the front are always given a royal "send-off." In this photograph the Grand Duke Michael, the Heir-Presumptive to the Russian Throne, and the Grand Duke Serge, the Tsar's uncle, have just returned to their carriage after inspecting a regiment about to leave for the seat of war.

rule low. Should the Russian Government take the agricultural population away from their farms in the poultry-breeding districts, Russia will, of course, have less birds to export."

## A DIGEST OF MOTOR LORE.

An illustration of the amazing growth of the motoring industry in England is afforded by an inspection of the "Motoring Annual and Motorists' Year Book," a 5s. work of nearly 600 pages, published by "Motoring Illustrated."

Few people realise until they see something tangible like this the amount of capital and brains

## SAD NEWS FOR SPORTSMEN.



Tom Cannon, the famous jockey and trainer, is very seriously ill, and there is little hope of his recovery.

which have suddenly been put into England's newest form of manufacture.

The book opens with a preface in which it points out the great obstacles put in the way of the motor-car by parliament, police, and magistrates, who appeared to enter into a coalition to destroy it. The backbone of that coalition is now broken, and

## WEEK-END

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Hon. Charles Hardi, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, will succeed Mr. Hardi.

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the motor-car hereafter will enjoy much more favourable influences.

The "Motoring Annual" contains an interesting "Who's Who" section with portraits, a history of all races and records, digests of all motoring laws and facts about motoring organisation. It is fully illustrated, and all the information it contains is put in an interesting way.

## SOLUTIONISTS.

New means of livelihood are always presenting themselves with the progress of the times. The latest of them is that of the professional solver of newspaper puzzles, who may be called a solutionist. Some disappointed competitors in a competition came to me (says "Truth") with shocking charges against the management, a huge share of the prize-money having gone to a very small group of individuals.

The thing was, however, perfectly genuine, the whole of this group of prize-winners being members of one family, who made it their business to go in for newspaper competitions, and by their industry and abilities gained an extraordinary number of prizes. Here we come to the professional solutionist. Not a bad profession either, for the family had taken about £250 among them in this one competition—representing only a few weeks' work, at the outside.

A man has to stick to the Bar for a long time before he can earn money at this rate. The newspapers which make a feature of this sort of business will have before long to draw some distinction between amateurs and professionals in their competitions.



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## WEEK-ENDS ON A LINER.

Trips from Thames to Mersey on a Modern Mail Steamer.

Week-end trips on a modern liner have a novelty that should appeal to pleasure-seekers.

The enterprise of the Bibby Line of mail steamers enables anybody with moderate means to enjoy a three days' trip from the Thames to the Mersey for three guineas.

The vessels, which ply between Liverpool and the East, discharge their homeward-bound passengers

## OUR NEW AMBASSADOR'S WIFE.



Mrs. Charles Hardinge, the wife of our prospective Ambassador to St. Petersburg, will not find her position an easy one, for we are not popular as a nation in the Russian capital just now. She is well known there, however, as her husband was First Secretary from 1898 to 1903. (By Edward Hughes. From a painting)

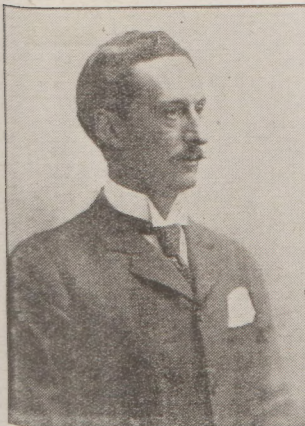
and part of the cargo at London, and then go on to Liverpool to prepare for the next outward voyage.

It struck Mr. Bibby that the run to the Mersey would be an interesting experience for folk who know the sea only from trips to Margate and Ostend on little pleasure steamers; and that a trip on one of the great ocean liners would be an eye-opener to them.

Only first-class passengers are taken, and as the accommodation is large it is generally possible for each person to have a berth to himself.

The steamers usually leave Tilbury on a Friday, arriving in Liverpool on the following Monday morning. It has been quite a popular holiday

## OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO ST. PETERSBURG.



Hon. Charles Hardinge, C.V.O., C.B., is to be the new British Ambassador at St. Petersburg. He is at present Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and will succeed Sir Charles Scott who retires in April next. (Russell & Sons. Photo)

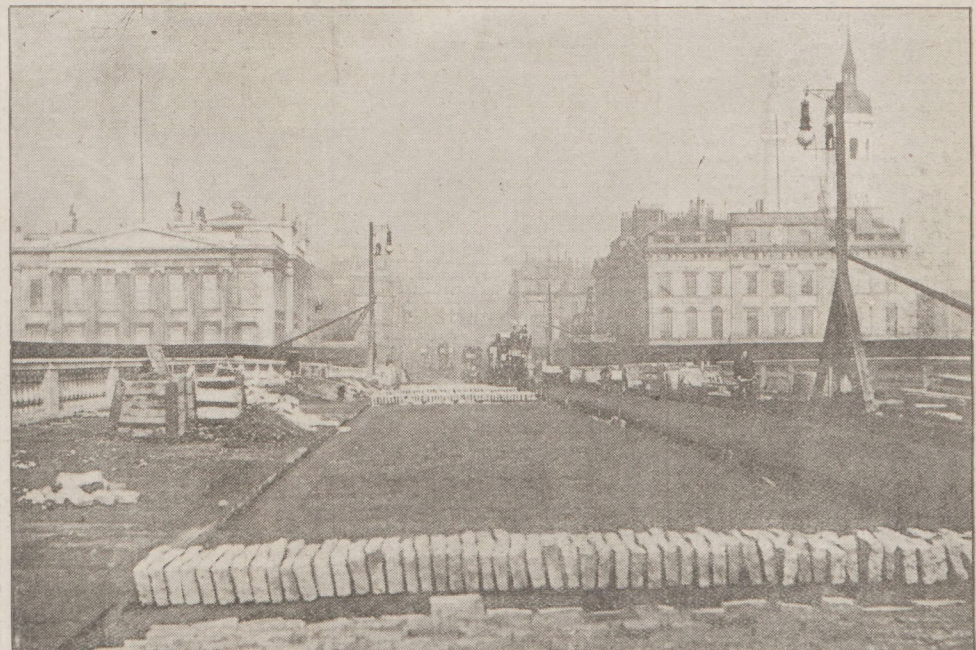
among Liverpool residents to train up to London, spend a day sight-seeing, and to return by the Bibby steamers.

The week-enders will be able to avail themselves of all the saloons, smoking-rooms, and promenades that have been provided for the comfort of long-voyage passengers; they will also be able to amuse themselves with the ordinary deck games which are played, and have concerts or even private theatricals.

## LOOKS LIKE AN EMPRESS.



Miss Kitty Gordon is charming everybody in the "Duchess of Dantzic," the clever musical play which deals with the history of Madame Sans-Gene, a washerwoman, to whom the great Napoleon owed money in his early days. (Johnston & Hoffman. Photo)



The growth of London traffic has made it necessary to widen London Bridge, and the work is now almost finished. The footway has been extended on either side to the level of the buttresses and the roadway widened by several feet. The formal opening of this extension will take place shortly with full civic display.



# THE PATH OF THE PRODIGAL.

A Story of the "Never-Never Land."

By Wilson Barrett,

who is appearing this week at the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham, and will appear next week at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith.

## CHAPTER XXXVII. (continued).

Dan chipped in as directed with: "Be gob! I sez to meself, the very same parties as I'm wantin'. So I keep me eye on 'em and followed 'em to the Starlington Hotel, and hung about the next day until I kem on Miss Smudgee alone, and we had a taste of conversation together."

"And we agreed to act in the matter o' the pallis and Jack Mowbray as pards, didn't us, Dan?"

"In order to get forwarder I'll go backwarder. After yer left Woolloogoolong Gully I went down to Sydney and worked on the docks, an' had me drinks at Watson's Hotel, where, wan night, Mr. Nat Rudder—otherwise Nat Berker—bein' half seas over, began blusterin' about goin' to the cold country to claim an estate an' fortin' left by Jack Landale, that Jack Mowbray had done him out of, he said, as his sister Sarah was Jack Landale's wife an' his niece Looey was Jack Landale's heir. He swore blue murder again you, Jack, an' said he'd jail yer for seven years."

"Much obliged to him, I'm sure. Go ahead, Dan."

"He was sailing on the Oruba the home trip, as first-class saloon passenger, wid his sister Sarah, his niece Smudgee, and his solicitor, Mr. Rafael M. Wolfe, attorney and money-lender, of Castlereagh-street, who, by the same token, I knew to be one of the biggest backguards in Sydney. Well, havin' a friendly feelin' towards yer-

Jack started up, and, shaking Dan warmly by the hand, said, "Dan, old chum, you'll never know the good you've done. I shall never be able to thank or reward you sufficiently. And you, Smudgee, dear girl. But do you know what you've done, Smudgee? You've robbed yourself of this glorious place and all that it means."

"Not much I ain't. It was never mine to be robbed of."

"It would have been yours, little woman, if you had not discovered the fact of your mother's first marriage. In serving me you have ruined yourself, like the noble little Princess that you are."

"What does that matter if I he served you?" Smudgee's voice grew very soft and tender, her eyes were glistening and moist. "Jack, don't you know all I he's done has bin' just selfishness?"

"Selfishness?"

"Yes. Ain't it selfish to think of nothin' but plesin' myself?"

"Yes, but—"

"Elpin' you was plesin' myself. That's all, Knight, jest plesin' myself. There ain't nothin' in the world that could please me so much as 'elpin' you—jest 'elpin' you. See, Knight. The pallis is yours now, ain't it?"

"I'm afraid not, Smudgee," Jack responded, sadly. "But it's not your fault, my dear, little friend."

"My beloved uncle can't jail you for seven years now, can he, Jack?"

"I'm not out of the wood yet, Smudgee, but you've helped me to see heaven's own daylight through the trees. And may God bless you!"

he went on, turning to Nat and Sal, "were more than handsomely provided for. I allowed you two thousand a year. From henceforth you will never get a cent from this estate, nor be allowed to set foot on it again. Last night you declined an increase on the £2,000 a year. To-day I strip you of everything, and send you back to the gutters you came from."

"Strike me," tremblingly ejaculated Nat.

"My word, you are 'igh an' 'aughty," gasped Sal.

"You'll do nothing of the kind," said Mr. Wolfe. "You are an impostor, and you know it. This lady is Mrs. John Landale, widow of the late legatee, and the owner of this property."

"This woman is nothing of the kind, fortunately," retorted Jack. "She is Mrs. Nathan Rudder, the wife of your fellow-soundrel and conspirator, married, as you know, to him at Polson's Matrimonial Agency Office, George-street, Sydney, two years before she ever met with her dupe, poor John Landale." Here the two women who were listening, clutched tightly each other's arms. "She is a bigamist, and you both know it. You have no claim on this estate, and, thank goodness, no claim on the noble women whose property it is, and will still be."

"Bluff. All bluff. You've no proofs—no witnesses, blustered the attorney. His confidence and coolness were leaving him."

Jack rang the bell, and Wong entered, showing in Dan and Smudgee. "Have I not witnesses?" asked Jack. "Dan, who are these people?" he continued, pointing to the trio.

Sal and Nat were shivering with fright, and were near to collapsing when Dan answered:

"They are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Rudder, married by James Polson, in his office, George-street, Sydney, March 20, 1887, in my presence; and 'twas myself witnessed the certificates and the entry."

"Why, I never saw you before," gulped the astonished Nat.

"No; neither you nor your lady end see nothing when I met you at the wedding."

"This will have to be proved," Wolfe said. And now came one of Sal's unexpected mental somersaults, which, had Mr. Wolfe been a cleverer man than he was, he would never have risked.

"Oh, shut yer mouth," she shouted. "We're done. The game is up. Proved, indeed. There's proof enough in Sydney to jail the lot of us—"

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self, Jack, and jist shpoilin' for a look uv the oud country, I shipped on the same boat, as stoker, wid um. But they got off at Marseilles."

"Muvver and me wantin' to study the Parisian fashions."

"And meself had to stoke to London; and so missed 'em entirely until oi met 'em at the Alhambra."

"And as soon as he met me, o' course, I began braggin' about comin' into a fortin and a pallis, to him."

"And how'll yez do that?" sez oi to her.

"As Jack Landale's daughter, sez I to him."

"Nat Rudder's daughter, sez oi to her."

"No fear, sez I, fur she's passing Mr. Nat Rudder off as me dearly-beloved uncle, sez I to him."

"Divil a uncle he is to you, sez oi. He's yer natteral born father, married to yer mother at Polson's Matrimonial Agency, George-street, Sydney, March 20, 1887, sez oi to her."

Jack, who had been listening with a face strained with feverish anxiety, started up, crying, "What's that? Sal was married to Nathan Rudder before she met Jack Landale?"

"She was that—two years before. As legal as you make 'em, in Sydney, New South Wales."

Jack was trembling with eager excitement as he said, "Dan, be careful what you are saying. You do not know how much hangs on this. Can you prove it?"

Dan helped himself to a stiff drink of the wine of Scotia, and smilingly asked, "Can Oi drink whisky?"

Jack looked relieved from a mighty incubus, as indeed it was. At least, Sal had no claim 'pon Sibil and her mother. Thank goodness for that.

"How did you learn this?" he asked, eagerly.

"Aisy enough. Me an' the Rev. James Polson run that same Marriage Registry business, kepint an advertisement daily in the public Press, as follows."

"Pulling out his pocket-book, he took a cutting from a newspaper, and read, 'Polson's, 480, George-street, Sydney. Marriages celebrated, any denomination, by an ordained clergyman, with due solemnity, in strictest privacy, at Polson's, 480, George-street, Sydney, from 10 a.m. till 9 p.m. daily, Saturdays included. No notice required. Fee, 10s. 6d. Or, marriage with guaranteed gold wedding-ring and necessary witnesses provided, £1 1s. P.S.—No other charges whatever. All sizes of most costly wedding-rings kept in stock, if required. All cabmen convey couples desirous of being married at Polson's from wharves and railway stations free.'" "Many's the time you'll have seen such advertisements in the Australian papers. Polson did the ceremony. I shewpt the office an' did the witnessing."

"Did Sal ever recognise you?"

"Not she; she and Nat was as full as fiddlers afore they came to the ceremony, an' were worse afore it was over."

## CHAPTER XXXVIII. Jack at Bay.

Once more Mr. Wolfe, Sal, and Nat were beneath the roof of the mansion they were claiming. The exhortations of Mr. Wolfe had produced the desired result, and the two delinquents were most uncomfortably sober.

Sal was in one of those varied moods which made her most dangerous; moods which made her utterly reckless, selfish, morose, and spiteful.

Jack barely acknowledged the presence of the three confederates when he entered the room where they were awaiting his coming, but, facing them squarely, he said: "Please come to business. I've no time to waste, and Landale Abbey will be the sweeter and better for the absence of all of you."

Not a pleasant beginning, nor a hopeful one, thought Mr. Wolfe; but he replied, coolly: "Bounce and impertinence will do you no good, Mr. Mowbray. Our position is too strong for either to shake us."

"If you are so sure of your position, why are you here to bargain with me?" asked Jack.

"Because we are willing to compromise in the matter privately. We desire to save a public exposure, which will be most distasteful to you and to us."

"Yes, it would, no doubt, be distasteful to persons of such exquisite sensibility as the convicted thief, Nat Rudder—I beg his pardon, Nat Berker—and his spotless and pure-minded sister, and to Mr. Rafael M. Wolfe, the moneylender and swindling, backbiting attorney of Castlereagh-street, Sydney!"

"Indeed," Mr. Mowbray had something up his sleeve, retorted Mr. Wolfe, "and, obviously, he does not mean to waste much time in coming to business."

The window on to the terrace was open. Lady Walgrove and Sibil were about to enter, when they saw what occupied the room. Lady Walgrove turned to leave it, but Sibil firmly held her. "Don't go, and whisper to me to remain. She did so, and, unseen and unnoticed, they were witnesses to all that occurred between Jack and his opponents."

"You are impertinent, Mr. Mowbray," retorted Mr. Wolfe.

"Hold your tongue, you ruffian, until I've done!" was Jack's reply. "You know the law, and are aware that what you have been doing with these two persons is conspiracy, punishable with long imprisonment. You came here, knowing that you had no legal claim to this property, hoping to work on my fears, and, by doing so, to rob two women who had never harmed either of you, but whose brother and son you, wretched woman, had ruined. You cared nothing for the agony you might cause them, or the pain you were inflicting on me. Money has been your aim, and to get that you are prepared to wreck two noble lives. You,"

yes, you included. A pretty mess we're in, thanks to you and your 'lamentable weakness,' Mr. Rafael-Moses Wolfe!"

"Don't chuck up the sponge, Sal," whispered Nat.

"Yes, I shall. I know when I've had enough, if other fools don't."

Wolfe was livid with rage. Advancing on her with clenched teeth, he spluttered out, "You contemptible slut!"

Mr. Wolfe had better have remained at a safer distance, for, quick as thought, and saying "Wot's that?" Sal sent the whole force of her muscular arm in a sounding slap on his face, and then, arms akimbo, asked "Wot's that for 'lamentable weakness,' eh?"

He moved towards her, but hesitated as she said, "Now, come on and get another."

"Bravo, muvver," applauded Smudgee, coming forward.

"Wot on earth are you doin' 'ere?" asked the surprised Sal.

"Looking after the family estate," coolly replied her daughter; "an', as I don't appen to 'ave a double-barrel microscope to examine it with, up to the present, 'ard as I've looked, I've seen nothing. Muvver, and my dearly-beloved uncle, it 'urts me to say it, but you're bushed—you're done."

"So you 'ad a 'and in this, my girl, 'ad you?" snarled Nat, venomously. "You come along 'ome. I've somethin' to say to yer that ye'll hev to listen to."

Jack interposed, saying, "She shall not go with you unless she wishes. Smudgee, will you let me take care of you? Or will you go with them?"

"It won't break my 'eart if I never see my dearly-beloved uncle again, but my muvver is my muvver, an' I ain't goin' back on her, now or never."

Sal sniffed vigorously, with real or assumed emotion, as Jack said to her: "If I provide for her and her education, you won't object, I suppose?"

"No. She ain't a bad daughter, if she is a queer un."

Here Wolfe caught sight of the agonised mother and daughter, and he played his last card.

"Ah; I've not done with you yet, Mr. Mowbray. Lady Walgrove and Miss Landale, I presume?" he asked, turning to those ladies, who made no reply.

Jack, horrified, turned and saw that they were there, and had heard everything. "Hold your tongue, you soundrel," he said, sternly. But Lady Walgrove said, quietly and firmly, "No; let him finish. Go on, sir."

"Lady Walgrove, this man is an impostor," snarled Wolfe. "Your son is dead, and buried at Woolloogoolong Gully, in Australia. This is John Mowbray, a man who resembled him, and who has taken advantage of that resemblance to deceive and defraud you."

To be continued

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# SEVEN LIVES LOST IN A CITY FIRE.

**Coffee Shop near St. Paul's Churchyard Guttered in Half an Hour and All Its Inmates Met with a Horrible Death.**

At one o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in a little coffee shop close by St. Paul's Cathedral, and within half-an-hour seven human beings had been burnt to death.

The grim tragedy was so brief that all was over before eye-witnesses could realise its horror.

A constable passing through Duke's Head Passage, a narrow court, partly arched over, running from Ivy-lane to Paternoster-square, noticed in the gloom thin tongues of flames breaking through the wooden shutters of the shop, which is owned by Mr. Fordham. Knowing that waitresses and servants were sleeping in the rooms above he knocked loudly, shouted and blew his whistle, to warn them of their danger. The voice of young Mr. Fordham, the proprietor's son, answered him, and he heard the young man awakening the other inmates of the house. Other policemen, hearing the whistle, rushed to the spot.

Then followed a scene of awful confusion. A great sheet of flame leapt from the shop, filling the narrow court with fire and smoke. The police rushed about, hurriedly summoning sleeping people from their beds, for in the houses huddled round the burning building were hundreds of human beings within a few yards of a terrible death.

## A Face at the Window.

From the court, through the smoke and flames, the half-suffocated policeman saw the face of young Fordham at a window above the blazing shop, and found his faces of the women and girls. The hopeless folk did not at first realise the full horror of their position, but the sight of the leaping, crackling flames climbing upward with terrible rapidity showed them their desperate plight.

Mr. Fordham cried out to know what he should do. Some below suggested that it was better to jump. There was only one other way down—through the shop—and that was impossible, for it was now like a roaring furnace. Others shouted to those above to try and escape through the sky-lights on the roof. Once there they were safe, and it would be easy to walk along the roofs beyond reach of the flames.

Those in danger adopted the latter suggestion. Frightened folk disappeared from the window and a soul was ever again seen alive.

It is easy to conjecture what happened. They were in flames below, and only that one escape above them. They opened their rooms and struggled desperately, but the fire overtook and wrapped them in its deadly embrace.

Within a few minutes of the outbreak the fire engines arrived. But the quickest way to the burning house was impassable. The end of the passage in Ivy-lane, which is less than ten feet wide, is blocked by three iron posts. The escape had to go through Paternoster-square, and it may be that the precious minutes lost through the necessity for taking that route cost the lives of seven people.

## The Escape—Too Late.

It was at last dragged into the court and reared against the adjoining house. The firemen rushed up through the smoke and reached the roof, but too late. Just as they did so it fell in, and all hope of the fire-caged victims had to be abandoned.

Engines followed a few minutes later, and then there was a desperate struggle between the firemen and the flames. There was no room for another escape to approach, so hooked ladders were placed in the windows of the surrounding houses, and from the escape and from these windows a score of men were sent rushing on to the fire.

The firemen fought gallantly, for the houses were pressed so closely together that if the fire were not beaten down at once a hundred buildings would be ablaze. Their efforts were successful, and within another twenty minutes the flames were extinguished. Then the gutted building was entered,

and on the upper floors, some of them so charred as to be unrecognisable, were found the bodies of the seven victims.

Those who died were employed as waitresses and servants—some of them at Mr. Fordham's coffee shop in Duke's Head-passage and others at the Perseverance, another shop belonging to the same proprietor in Ivy-lane.

Their names are:—

William Fordham, twenty-two, son of the proprietor.

Ada Faulkner, cook, thirty-two.

Florence Faulkner, seventeen.

Daisy Simmons, nineteen.

Sarah Anderson, twenty-six.

Jane Thackeray, forty-six.

John Watson, thirty-five.

All of them were well known by the customers of the coffee shops. William Fordham, who used to

that dreadful night he and his wife and ten children were sleeping. The flames from across the court set fire to the side of his house, and the frightened family had to rush, half-clad, from their beds to the street.

Dr. Waldo, the City Coroner, has fixed the inquest for Saturday at 10.30. Only evidence of identification will be given, and the inquiry will then be adjourned.

The district in which the fire broke out is terribly dangerous. From Newgate-street to St. Paul's Churchyard there is a network of narrow courts and alleys, many of them being made still more difficult of access by iron posts and gateways, and the goods stored in the buildings are of the most inflammable character. Paternoster-row and its neighbourhood is the centre of the publishing trade, and thousands of tons of books and paper are warehoused there. Public-houses and scent manufacturers, bookbinders and stationers all have

## THE FATAL FIRE NEAR ST. PAUL'S.



Within a few moments of the alarm being given the building was a roaring furnace from top to bottom. This photograph shows the gutted premises.

take the cash in the Perseverance, was a cheery, jovial fellow, with a laugh and a jest for all. Ada Faulkner was a very good-looking young woman, who was generally known to the customers as "Lillie Langtry."

Opposite the burnt-out shop is a dairy, which is owned by a Mr. McCabe. Above the shop on

their businesses here, in courts far too narrow for a fire engine to get through.

In consequence of the distress that the terrible conflagration has caused several families, a number of prominent City tradesmen have decided to take the necessary steps to open a relief fund for the assistance of the sufferers.



The premises in which seven persons were burned to death yesterday, are surrounded by narrow courts and alleys. The plan shows part of this dangerous area.

## EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY.

AQUILA, Feb. 25.

A severe earthquake shock did great damage yesterday to the barracks of the Carabinieri, as well as to the principal church and numerous houses at Maglianelle Marsi, a small town in the Abruzzi.

The barracks and many houses have ordered several dwellings which threaten to collapse to be evacuated.

In the neighbouring village of Rosciolo still more serious damage has been done. Many cellars have fallen in, and cracks are showing in the walls of the houses. The cold is very severe, and snow is falling. The troops are rendering aid to the sufferers, and tents have been provided for the homeless.

Fresh earthquake shocks were felt this morning in the neighbourhood of Avezzano, and also at Rocca di Papa and Velletri.—Reuter.

## BLACK MAGIC.

Edward Perkins, sixty, a negro conjurer, was charged at Southwark Police Court with the unlawful possession of a pewter pot.

A constable stated that the prisoner was a street performer, and had the pot amongst his apparatus in a bag. The witness noticed the name of a public-house on the article, and questioned Perkins, who at first stated that he purchased it at a shop in the London-road for 8d., and then that it was given him.

The prisoner said he could point out the shop where he bought the pot, and the magistrate directed the constable to take him there and report to the Court.

## PEACE AND GOOD WILL.

A sale of passive resisters' goods at Slough yesterday marked a red-letter day in the history of such events, for in this case the proceedings were conducted with the utmost harmony, the "resisters" unanimously praising the conduct of the police while engaged in distraining their goods, and applauding the courtesy of the overseers and rate-collectors.



Chapter House Court is only a little wider than Three Tuns Passage, and is blocked by an iron gate, which would make it impossible for a fire-escape to pass.



Three Tuns Passage, a few yards from the scene of the fire, is typical of the neighbourhood. It is so narrow that a man can, with bent arms, touch both walls with his hands.



# A PAGE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN.

## A FASHION WITH A FUTURE.

The blouse has had a past, and yet has a future before it. Why this is so it is scarcely necessary to ask with models so convincingly smart and pretty as those that appear on this page to provide an answer. But if the question be pressed the reply is ready—namely,



An Afternoon Blouse, decorated with dainty Tenerife lace.

that the shirt is far too convenient and comfortable an adjunct of the toilette to pass out of vogue.

Both the blouses shown here were sketched at Messrs. Swan and Edgar's, Piccadilly Circus, London, and as their prices are under 6s., the wonder is how they can be made quickly enough to satisfy the demand of a discriminating public.

The model that graces the large picture is one of cream nun's veiling, draped with any colour that is required, and finished with little gold buttons, and the pipings occur as an outline to the pleats that trim the shirt. The price of this is 5s. 11d. A sensible and most becoming scheme is this with which to wear a tailor-made skirt.

For a more dressy model consult the other picture, where you will see a shirt expressed in pink nun's veiling, inserted with bars and medallions of the now very fashionable Tenerife lace. Yet only 5s. 6d. secures this highly desirable model. These are two only out of a large and comprehensive stock.

## THE VEGETARIAN MENU FOR THE COMPLEXION.

Many of the beauty specialists insist upon a vegetarian diet for their clients. Girls whose complexions are naturally muddy are told to eat plenty of vegetables and fruit, both cooked and uncooked. A diet of apples, for example, is guaranteed to bring clarity to the complexion within a very short space of time. They are also a most strengthening food, and actually lend vivacity to the brain.

Numbers of people prefer a vegetarian diet to any other, and, again, numbers more make

such food their principal feast, taking meat only in the form of soup, and eating game and fowls instead of joints. It is to interest those who incline towards vegetarianism that we print to-day a series of recipes of very excellent and easily-cooked dishes.

### VEGETARIAN RECIPES.

#### EGG FRITTERS.

INGREDIENTS:—Four eggs, one tablespoonful of salad oil, one tablespoonful of vinegar, one teaspoonful of chopped parsley, half a teaspoonful of chopped onion, and frying batter.

Boil the eggs for fifteen minutes, then lay them in cold water till cold. Next shell them and cut them into long pieces, like the sippets

of an orange. Mix together the oil, vinegar, parsley, and onion, and lay the eggs in them for twenty minutes. Have ready a pan of frying fat and some frying batter. Lift up each quarter of egg separately in a tablespoon, dip it in the batter, slide it gently into the frying fat, and fry it a golden brown. Drain the eggs on kitchen paper and serve immediately with brown bread and butter.

#### MACARONI AU MACEDOINE.

INGREDIENTS:—Three ounces of macaroni, half a pint of thick white sauce, three-quarters of a pint of mixed cooked vegetables, two hard-boiled eggs, fried potatoes, and two teaspoonfuls of chopped parsley.

Break the macaroni into short pieces. Boil it in plenty of fast boiling salted water till

tender. Then drain off all the water. Make the sauce hot, mix well with the macaroni, and season it well. Mix the rest of the sauce with the mixed vegetables, using as great a variety of vegetables as possible. See that they are thoroughly hot. Put a border of the macaroni round a hot dish and pile the vegetables up in the centre. Round the edge of the macaroni put a circle of fried potatoes and slices of hard-boiled egg alternately. Sprinkle the parsley over the eggs and potatoes.

#### LANCASHIRE CHEESE.

INGREDIENTS:—Eight ounces of mild, creamy cheese, two tablespoonfuls of cream, half an ounce of butter, one raw egg, salt, cayenne, nutmeg, and dry toast.

Slice the cheese very thinly. Melt the butter gently in a pan. Add the cheese and cream, and stir the mixture over a moderate fire till it is smooth and creamy. Draw the pan to the side of the fire, and whisk in the beaten egg. Season it highly. Pile the mixture quickly on neat squares of toast. Brown the surface slightly with a steel salamander, and serve it at once. If the dish could be prepared in the room in a chafing dish so much the better.

## ONE USE FOR OLD STOCKINGS.

### AN ENGLISH INDUSTRY THAT MAY SUFFER THROUGH THE WAR.

Few English people know that an important English industry depends upon the supply of the Russian peasants' old stockings.

An English woollen manufacturer, visiting Russia some time ago on the look-out for Russian wool, noticed that the long stockings worn by the peasants were made of particularly soft fine wool. This wool is spun by the women in their homes. The idea struck him that the old worn-out stockings might be utilised in his mill, and he proceeded to buy up all he could get.

In many of the Russian villages now the old stockings are collected by agents and forwarded to the great fair at Nijni-Novgorod which is held annually in July and August.

These old stockings are eagerly bought up by certain English woollen manufacturers, and are sent to English mills, where by elaborate machinery they are torn into shreds and thoroughly washed and purified before going through the usual process of the weaving mills.

Finally the old worn-out stockings emerge as fine cloth for costumes, soft white blankets, and other dainty woollen goods.

## PAPER PATTERN

of this SMART COAT FOR SPRING WEAR—together with diagram and full instructions how to make same—is GIVEN AWAY with No. 42 of

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## BRIDGE DAY BY DAY.

By ERNEST BERGHOLT.

### CAN YOU PLAY THIS DEAL?

In reply to "Enquirer" (Nice), the London publishers of Badsworth's book on Bridge are Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, and the price is 3s. 6d. net.

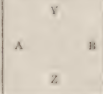
In the next column will be found the Bridge problem recently sent us by a reader at Seaford. It originally appeared some nine months ago in one of Mr. Bergholt's Bridge Competitions, and we publish it partly because the correspondent who sends it seems to think it will be found interesting, and partly because of many other letters we have received asking for occasional Double-Dummy hands. For instance, R. O. A. writes: "Could you not arrange to publish side by side with the ordinary Prize Competition coupons a problem, each week or so, for those who care not a snap for the money, but who enjoy the sport of trying to 'best' the Bridge Editor? . . . A card problem is a real boon to many like myself."

### ♦ A DEAL AT DOUBLE-DUMMY BRIDGE. ♦

By ERNEST BERGHOLT.

♥ A, 10, 9.  
♠ J, 10, 5, 2.  
♦ Q, J, 2.  
♣ K, 9, 5.

♥ 8, 6, 3, 2.  
♠ A, K, Q, 8.  
♦ 10.  
♣ 12, 1, 8, 3.



♥ 4.  
♠ 6, 3.  
♦ A, K, 6, 4, 3.  
♣ A, 7, 5, 4.

♥ 7, 6, 5, 2.  
♠ 8, 7, 4.  
♦ 9, 8, 7, 5.  
♣ 7, 6.

Z deals and declares a "misery" Spade. A doubles and leads ♠ K. The hands of Y and B are then exposed.

Give what you consider to be the correct play of the deal, taking full advantage of the known position of the cards.

For a correct solution will be awarded the sum of One Guinea in cash. In deciding on the merit of the solutions received, the character of the analysis and of the variations submitted will be taken into

account; and the Bridge Editor's judgment as to merit (which will be exercised with the strictest impartiality) must be accepted as final. For writing out the play the Simplex Bridge Tournament forms are recommended (sent by the publishers of this paper on receipt of postal order for 1s. 1d., crossed Barclay and Co.).

All correct solvers will receive Honourable Mention. Solutions must reach our office not later than the morning of Wednesday, March 2.

### \* WINNERS WHO LOSE. \*

H. R. (Shrewsbury) inquires "whether it is possible for the winners of a rubber to actually lose points on balance, even with the 100 for the rubber added in." Certainly it is. It was first shown by Ernest Bergholt (in November, 1901) that the maximum number of points that could be lost, on balance, by the winners of a rubber, was 2,316! This assumes that no revokes have been made, and that all the points, therefore, are won and lost by actual play. The maximum of points that can be similarly won by the winners is 2,652.

### ♥ WHY IT WAS WRONG. ♥

In giving the play of Coupon D of Weekly Competition 7 we said that the lead of a Spade was "wrong," but we purposely refrained from pointing out why it was wrong. This was in order to

encourage solvers to examine into the cards more closely for themselves. No knowledge is of such permanent value as that which is acquired by personal investigation. In reply to letters received from Mrs. G. W. (Kempsey) and others, we now point out that if S leads Spade, covered by W, and trumped by N with ♠ A, E must not discard a Heart, but must throw away one of his trumps. This is termed the *Grand Coup*. The effect, in this particular case, is that E cannot afterwards be forced to lead a trump at the last trick but one, but can lead a Heart, so enabling W to win a trick with ♠ Q. The point is worthy of careful study.

### \* AN ODD TRICK. \*

Most of us have come across the player who is said never to go no-trumps except on five aces. He recently had a splendid chance of setting up to his reputation at Brooklyn, U.S.A. Miss Bella Close, who was employed there in a card-factory, was so perturbed in mind at being "thrown over" by her sweetheart that on several occasions—she informed the court when suing for damages—she put five aces into a single pack. Some of the customers (none of them Bridge-players, we presume) complained of the redundancy, and Bella was summarily discharged. She put it on the jury that her prospective partner might not have left his declaration, and they awarded exemplary damages.





### What London Has in Return for this Expenditure During Fifteen Years.

If you ran London you would require an income of £30,000 a day.

It is positively startling to take a lightning peep at the work of the L.C.C. during the fifteen years it has been in existence. It has not yet succeeded in making a fairyland of our great town, but it has given us a cleaner, healthier, and more prosperous capital.

#### The Re-building of London.

The L.C.C. has counted in its service earls and engineers, dukes and doctors, bankers and bakers, workmen and women. All have worked for a common cause, and their reward has been not even a solitary cup of coffee—for it is the rule of the Council that members must pay for their own refreshment.

Fifteen years ago it was resolved to purge London of its fearful slums. Many have gone, many remain, but in every direction London has been

building. Altogether, the transformation of Central London is costing seven millions.

In fifteen years the cost of the Fire Brigade has more than doubled. Formerly its upkeep was £106,000 a year; now it is £215,000. This, however, is justified, for the number of firemen has been doubled, hydrants have been increased from 8,000 to 27,000, there are now sixty galloping escapes, and twice as many engines and fire alarms than formerly.

The L.C.C. has acted as emigration agent, and has made advances in aid of the emigration or colonisation of deserving inhabitants of the county. It has, too, powers to establish a race-course anywhere within ten miles of Charing-cross. Up to the present, however, no attempt has been made to lower London's rates from the profits of a metropolitan Doncaster or Gatwick.

In ten years the Council demolished seventeen insanitary areas, and rehoused 30,000 persons. That has cost three millions sterling; £2,500 people have been housed at Tottenham at an outlay of £1,530,838. Four millions more will be spent on providing houses for 80,000 more people in Norbury, Tooting, and other places.

#### Looking After Amusements.

Five millions alone have been, or will be, spent in making tunnels or bridges across the Thames. In transforming howling wildernesses into pleasant parks another five millions have been disposed of; but the London County Council get an income of £2,000 a year from contractors who provide refreshments, and on the bowling greens, tennis courts, and cricket and football grounds.

Money has flowed like water in the acquirement and improvement of tramways and asylums. £10,000 has been paid a mile for lines which in less than two years had been torn up and sold for old iron, to make way for a system of electric traction costing £32,000 a mile.

It is doubtful whether one in a thousand Londoners knows that the Council has a duty in respect of drowned bodies, and has paid about £130

wives for the next generation of husbands. With this end in view, kitchen scholarships have been established. The study includes cooking, laundry-work, dressmaking, needlework, mending, and housewifery. The tuition is free.

London's citizens for three years have been deprived of a service of steamboats on the Thames. The L.C.C. promoted a Bill to acquire a fleet of up-to-date steamers of its own. On a technicality the Bill was thrown out, so London's silent highway runs its empty course, and is of comparatively little use above London Bridge to the teeming millions of the metropolis. In this respect Birkenhead sets us a notable example. Run by the municipality for over half a century, a splendid fleet of ferryboats has plied for hire. The steamers run day and night at a uniform charge of one penny. The profits of the boats, amounting to £700,000, have been applied to the relief of the rates.

Trifles in the L.C.C. programmes have been the rebuilding of historic houses, erecting memorial tablets, administering museums, establishing an epileptic villa colony at Horton, the removal of nuisances by spitting on buses and trams, and in working Woolwich Ferry, and providing bands to play in the parks.

The Council have had to contend with the criminal practices of people who, when the elec-

### IDLE APPRENTICES.

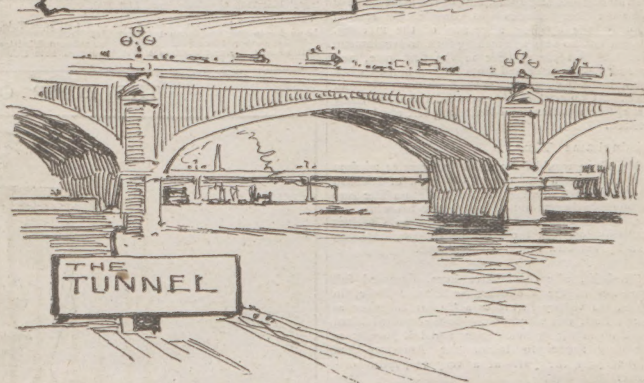
#### Amusing Description of Life in an Engineering "Shop."

Apprenticed in 1902 to Mr. John Henry Lock, engineer, of Temple-chambers, Bouverie-street, E.C., Alfred Harold Marshall went into the witness-box in Mr. Justice Darling's Court yesterday to support his father's claim to recover the amount of the premium and other moneys paid for his indentures.

On behalf of Mr. Marshall it was stated that the defendant's works consisted merely of a lumber-room, a drawing-office, a patent shop, and an engine shop which contained one motor-car and a disused engine. It is alleged that no work was done, and that Lock's claim to have a sound engineering business was a swindle to trap pupils.

After the jury had paid a visit of inspection to the defendant's premises, young Marshall gave his description of his experiences in Bouverie-street. Having nothing to do he amused himself putting in window panes. He was not taught anything; there was nobody there to teach him; he taught the others. The pupils being disorderly, he

BRIDGES & TUNNELS  
£5,000,000



The making of tunnels and bridges across the Thames has cost the London County Council no less than five million pounds.

tric tramways were first opened, made a determined attempt to wreck the cars. At the L.C.C. Tramway Offices at Camberwell the manager has quite a museum of infernal machines taken from the electric conduits. They include long pieces of metal tubing, strips of old scrap iron, many of them yards long. These have all been inserted in conduits neatly bent to lay across both conductor bars. The result has been that short circuits have been set up, and trams by the dozen have been brought to a standstill, causing the prophets to wag their heads and point the finger of scorn at the new system. £50 is now paid by the L.C.C. for information leading to the detection of a would-be tram-wrecker.

Many happy returns to the L.C.C., the most powerful governing body of the most wonderful city in the world. It has made mistakes, but it has done a great work.

### RATIONAL DRESS DEMONSTRATION.

To-day will be a red-letter day in the history of the Rational Dress League. They will hold an open public meeting at Essex Hall, Essex-street, Strand, at eight o'clock this evening, when Dr. Bernard O'Connor will deliver a lecture on "The Evils of Corsets and Long Skirts from a Medical Point of View." This is to be followed by an open discussion in which Lady Harberton will be one of the chief speakers.

The greater number of the members of the League will appear in rational costume.

Madam Sarah Grand, who is one of the vice-presidents of the League, and who entertains strong feelings on the point of dress reform, is very anxious to attend the meeting should her health and her engagements permit.

The Rational Dress League, it may be said, was founded to foster reform in the dress of both sexes, and particularly to promote the wearing by women of some form of "bifurcated" garment for all active purposes. The League also strongly disapproves of the wearing of any furs and feathers, and not unwisely his hard at the tightly-laced corset of the present day.

there, also Mr. Max Müller, Lord Alton, Sir Edward Poynter, and a host more artists.

The Duchess of Somerset, the Duchess of Wellington, and Adeline Duchess of Bedford, all ardent lovers of music, were there, as well as Lady Grosvenor, Julia Lady Tweeddale, Lady Carew, with Mrs. Clifford Cory—in Paderewski's opinion the best amateur pianist in the world—Lady Constance Leslie, and the two pretty daughters of the Duke of Montrose, Lady Helen and Lady Hermione Graham.

#### Popular in St. Petersburg.

If rumour is correct, and Mr. Charles Harding goes back to St. Petersburg, there will be no end to it will give the most unbounded pleasure in the Russian capital. No one was ever more popular in the diplomatic circle around the "Little Father" than Mr. Harding while secretary to the Embassy; and his beautiful wife, even among the Russian ladies, more than held her own.

A daughter of the late Lord Alington, Mrs. Charles Harding is a Bedchamber Woman to the

suggested that defendant should devise some system of punishment. Defendant said "Beat them with a stick or chuck them downstairs." (Laughter.)

The hearing was adjourned.



In fifteen years the cost of the Fire Brigade has more than doubled, but there are now twice as many firemen, three times as many hydrants, and twice as many engines and fire alarms.

Queen, whom she resembles in some degree, though her colouring is somewhat darker. She is an admirable actress, and can, by her delightful powers of imitation, keep people in roars of laughter for hours.

#### Notable Invalids.

The Duke of Devonshire's illness was not publicly announced until he had begun to get better. He has been far from well for some time, and even now will not be allowed out of doors for several days.

Mr. Reginald Ward arrived in London on Wednesday and was taken to a nursing home. It may be necessary to operate upon him for appendicitis, but in that case Sir Frederick Treves, who operated on Lady Dudley for the same complaint, will be the surgeon.

Everyone is much distressed to hear of "Reggie" Ward's illness, and young people are hoping his recovery will be a rapid one, for, like Lord Dudley's brothers, he is a renowned dancer, and greatly in request.



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transformed, and will be transformed still more. The Holborn to Strand scheme now in progress is costing £3,500,000 of borrowed money, which entails a payment by way of interest of £105,000 a year. The L.C.C. was remarkably generous at the public expense in helping rebuild the new Gaiety Theatre; £50,000 was paid as compensation for removal, and in addition the L.C.C. provided £10,000 to add to the exterior beauty of the new

yearly in burial fees. Again, it has a complete service of inspectors keeping watch and ward over slaughterhouses, milk shops, short-weight-and-measure traders, who make two million tests yearly, and 50,000 prosecutions.

To the L.C.C.'s vigorous action we owe the fact that the music-hall is now a place where a man may safely take his wife, whilst another of its unique efforts is, its desire to create good house-

The Landgrave of Hesse, who was the guest of honour at Lady Garvagh's afternoon party yesterday, is, like his hostess, a keen art collector, and most appreciative of beautiful things.

Lady Garvagh is an anomaly—a dark Danish woman, but nevertheless an extremely lovely one, with a wealth of dark hair, the softest of dark eyes, and a slender, graceful figure.

Not the least attractive feature of her house in Marble Arch, which, like Lord and Lady Battersea's close by, is a veritable museum of art treasures, is a lovely portrait of her by Watts.

Lord Garvagh, who is a great invalid, was a close personal friend of the late Duke of Albany and was godfather to Mr. Leopold Canning. Just now he is making a tour in Europe on automobile, on which sport he is an enthusiast.

Madame Blumenthal's musical party in Hyde Park-place brought together a curious mixture of very smart society and Bohemians. The American Ambassador and the Danish Minister were both

### THE SOCIAL PEEP-SHOW.

#### Society Amateurs.

There was much beauty, and a good deal of talent, at Grosvenor House yesterday afternoon, when a matinee was given in aid of the Princess Mary Adelaide crèche and the London G.F.S.

That favourite play, "In the Cause of Charity," began the programme, with Mrs. Alwyn Fellers, Mrs. Charles Crutchley, and Mr. Leo Trevor in the cast. Mrs. Fellers, who is so tall, fair, and stately, presenting a charming contrast to beauty and Crutchley, with her delicate, dark dancers among amateurs.

Mr. W. S. Gilbert personally directed his play, "Sweethearts," and Miss Rosamond Tufton sang delightfully.



# THE SURPRISING 'SPURS

## Gained a Brilliant Victory Over Aston Villa at Birmingham Yesterday in a F.A. Cup Tie by a Goal to Nil.

### PEPPER A HOT FAVOURITE.

#### A Race That Was No Race at Warwick.

Pride of Bree was a big S.P. "job" on Wednesday.

Latest news concerning Tom Cannon, sen., is hopeful, but the famous horseman is very far from being out of danger.

The fencer Reggie, backed for the Grand National yesterday, is a black gelding by Marmion (sire of the Cambridgeshire heroine, Irish Ivy). He originally came from Ireland. Here he last year ran second to Covert Hack in the Conyngham Cup of four miles. He is trained by Willie Nightingall, at South Hatch, Epsom (where the salts come from), whence were sent forth such winners as Shifnal and Ilex.

Many members of the sporting public yesterday showed a preference for 'Spurs and 'soccer,' in which his victory finishes a tip for Inishfree on Warwick Steeplechases was considerably smaller than on the opening afternoon of the meeting. Pepper had no very astonishing form to recommend Mr. Deer's representative in the first race, and several visitors refrained from risking money when the animals to compete were of such distinctly poor class. At no part of the race did the chief fancy travel like a winner, and the riding left much to be desired.

#### Tynninghame Wins.

Mr. Cove would have exhibited greater wisdom had he taken a leaf out of the book of Richard Chalmers, who won the Jubilee Stakes on The Imp through having promised not to use his whip, for the administration of a flagellation to Chidwit probably lost him the race, which was, however, won by our own fancy, Tynninghame.

Slipthrift, after his Esher form, deserved full attention in the Wellesbourne Hurdle Race, in which his victory finishes a tip for Inishfree on Warwick Steeplechases. Parker pulled Hard Cash up at the paddock gate, and left Jocular as the only runner to follow the American-bred winner past the post—at a very respectful distance.

It is difficult to say why Shaun Aboe displaced Cottenshope, who opened favourite, in the market on the Leamington Grand Annual Steeplechase, for which neither Pride of Mabestown nor Inquisitor appeared. The Newmarket candidate was reported overnight as having arrived, but she had not left her stable, and, of course, failed to see the post. Shaun Aboe had not competed over a three-mile course in the past, and, in addition, it was quite evident that the Ogbourne candidate was far from fit.

Shaun Aboe nevertheless ran well for a couple of miles, but was at that point left by Nora Creina II., who might possibly have won had not Magee lost a stirrup-iron at the last fence. That contrite jumper left Cottenshope to score easily, repeating a victory achieved in the Warwick Steeplechase of three miles last year.

#### Fine Jumping by Red Hand.

Red Hand, who fell on Wednesday, jumped beautifully yesterday in the Coventry Steeplechase, and made a surprisingly good and successful effort. Copt Heath was the medium of a big plunge, which should be borne in mind by those who follow beaten favourites.

St. Moritz was naturally a strong fancy for the Debdale Flat Race, but his backers were somewhat dismayed to see him left at the post. It transpired that Mr. Thursty thought the advance flag had not fallen, whereas his three opponents went away, and Minstre finished first.

As Mr. Hall-Walker returned to the paddock on Miss Toto, who had finished a bad third, he, in answer to inquiries, said that he considered it a fair start, but that the advance flagman hoisted his flag after it had been lowered. The stewards consulted the two officials at the post, and decided that it was no race, ordering the horses to run again. This three owners declined to do, and St. Moritz walked over. The race did the chief fancy in the betting enclosure, and the settling on the race passed over in far from genial manner. As Minstre, Miss Toto, and Dermot Ashore came under the starter's orders they must be regarded as runners.

#### FANCIES FOR TO-DAY.

##### HURST PARK.

"THE ARROW," "OLD ROWLEY," (Newmarket.)

2.0..... ZAMPA..... ZAMPA  
2.30..... ADANSI.....  
3.0..... MARK TIME..... OUTSIDER  
3.30..... PRINCESSIMON.....  
4.0..... PRIAR BUCK.....  
4.30..... REGGIE..... FLYING SWALLOW

##### RACING RETURNS.

##### WARWICK.—THURSDAY.

2.45.—LAMMAS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. Martin's TYNNINGHAME, by Belhaven, 6yrs, 12st 7lb.....Owner 1  
Mr. McGregor's WIEDERSHEIM, 6yrs, 11st 5lb.....Owner 2  
Also ran: Much Too Early (6yrs, 12st 11lb), Peeper (6yrs, 12st 11lb), Harleycorn (6yrs, 10st 13lb), Nebelung (4yrs, 10st 8lb).  
Betting—11 to 8 agst Pepper, 5 to 1 agst Nebelung and 10 to 1 agst Peeper, and 10 to 1 each others. Won by a length and a half, three paces, 2 lengths between second and third.

2.15.—WELLESBOURNE HURDLE PLATE of 100 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. P. F. Peeler's SLIPTHRIFT, by Spendthrift—Variel, 5yrs, 10st 10lb.....Mr. Pease 1  
Mr. J. J. Coward's JOCULAR, 5yrs, 10st 10lb.....Mason 2  
Also ran: Hard Cash (5yrs, 10st 10lb).  
Betting—100 to 50 on Slipthrift, 100 to 30 agst Jocular, and 50 to 1 agst Hard Cash. Won by twenty lengths; only two finished.

2.45.—LEAMINGTON GRAND ANNUAL HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Three miles.  
Mr. C. Levy's COTTENSHOPE, by Enthusiast—Mailstone, aged, 10st 5lb.....Fremantle 1  
Mr. N. J. Kelly's NORA CREINA II., aged, 10st 3lb.....Magee 2  
Mrs. M. Jolland's CLAWSON, aged, 10st.....Mr. Jolland, jun. 3  
Also ran: Shaun Aboe (6yrs, 11st 13lb), Hottentot (aged, 11st 9lb), David Harum (aged, 11st 4lb).  
Betting—7 to 4 agst Shaun Aboe, 2 to 1 Cottenshope, 5 to 2 David Harum, and 20 to 1 each others. Won by a length and a half; six lengths between second and third.

3.15.—COVENTRY SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. Randall's RED HAND, by Tyrant—Wild Cat, 5yrs, 12st 3lb.....Dunn 1  
Mr. Deer's GOTTENHOPE, aged, 10st 9lb.....Parker 2  
Mr. Frederick's COPT HEATH, 5yrs, 11st 4lb.....Piggott 3  
Also ran: Kirby Grange (4yrs, 11st 13lb), Kraggip (aged, 11st 3lb), Gaffer Green (aged, 11st 7lb), Newbridge (5yrs, 11st 3lb), Clock Tower (aged, 10st 13lb).  
Betting—5 to 4 agst Copt Heath, 3 to 1 Red Hand, 11 to 2 Clock Tower, 5 to 1 Newbridge, 100 to 1 Gaffer Green, and 10 to 1 each others. Won by six lengths; three lengths between second and third.

3.45.—DEBDALE NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles and a half.  
Mr. J. Haro's ST. MORITZ, by Gallinule—Cresta, aged, 12st 12lb.....Mr. Thursty 1  
Also ran: Minstre (aged, 11st 7lb), Dermot Ashore (aged, 11st 7lb), Miss Toto (6yrs, 11st 7lb).  
Betting—100 to 30 on St. Moritz, 5 to 1 agst Miss Toto, 10 to 1 Minstre, and the Goodwood Cup. He rode Rock Sand. This race was twice run. At the first attempt Minstre finished first, Dermot Ashore second, and Miss Toto third.

## THE RIDER OF ROCK SAND.



"Danny" Maher, the famous American jockey, is expected to return to Newmarket from the States next week. He was born at Hartford, Conn., but his parents hail from Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Maher was the only competitor in the rest, and he consequently had a walk-over.

4.15.—BALDWIN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Two miles and a quarter.  
Capt. R. H. Jones's PRINCE FALLAND, by Perisord-Demina Silva, 6yrs, 12st 7lb.....Owner 1  
Mr. P. Wilson's DEVILET, aged, 10st 10lb.....Hands 2  
Mr. P. van den Nest's RHYTON, aged, 10st 13lb Green 3  
Also ran: Frisco II. (5yrs, 12st), Derish (6yrs, 10st 13lb).  
Betting—11 to 8 on Frisco II., 4 to 1 agst Rhyton, 5 to 1 Frisco II., and 2 to 1 Derish, and 20 to 1 Derish. Won by three lengths; a neck divided second and third.

#### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

##### HURST PARK MEETING.

2.0.—MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs.; second to two miles.  
Mr. F. C. Graham Menzies's Inishfree, 4yrs, 10st 11lb.....Hallick 1  
Mr. B. Gottschalk's Emily Melton, 4yrs, 10st 11lb.....Danson 2  
Capt. Laing's PADLOCK II., 4yrs, 10st 11lb.....Sentence 3  
Mr. A. J. Jarvis's JARVIS, 4yrs, 10st 11lb.....Burridge 4  
Mr. P. F. Peeler's COLEMAN, 4yrs, 10st 11lb.....Owner 5

THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.  
Mr. J. M. Kerne's La Napoleon.....Holt 6 11 7  
Mrs. Sadler-Jackson's Carrigdown.....In Ireland 6 11 7  
Mr. V. T. Thompson's Mochaum More.....Ambler 6 11 7  
Mr. Bald Walker's Beltenhouse.....Doyle 6 11 7  
Mr. B. G. Gore's Lord Ronald II.....Owner 6 11 7  
Mr. Horatio Bottomley's Cerillo.....Batho 6 11 7  
Mr. W. R. Clarke's Inglethorpe.....Private 6 11 7  
Mr. S. Henry's Chant.....R. 1 Anson 6 11 7  
Duke of Portland's Caro.....Capt. Dewhurst 6 11 7  
Mr. Stedall's Baginbun.....Owner 6 11 7  
Mrs. Gordon Canning's Mint Drop Capt. Coventry 6 11 7  
Mr. H. E. Scott's Timesaver.....Owner 6 11 7  
Mr. J. King's Pines.....Russell 6 11 7  
Mr. Edmund Lamb's Capot.....C. Waugh 6 11 7  
Mr. R. G. Gore's Lord Ronald II.....Owner 6 11 7  
Mr. George Milligan's Strengthening.....Russell 6 11 7  
Mr. C. Wood's Gerald Day.....Owner 6 11 7

2.30.—OVERNIGHT SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. H. Bottomley's Adana.....Batho 6 12 0  
Mr. F. R. Hunt's Chalford.....Owner 6 12 0  
Mr. Lyaght's Partridge.....Gore 6 12 0  
Mr. R. G. Gore's Lord Ronald II.....Owner 6 12 0  
Mr. E. Woodland's Morning Dew.....Owner 6 12 0  
Mr. W. Downes's Chucks-Luck.....Owner 6 12 0

#### THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.

3.0.—FOUR AND FIVE-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Two miles.  
Lord Derby's Outsider.....Capt. Dewhurst 5 10 12  
Lord Dudley's Hawker.....Capt. Dewhurst 5 11 7  
Mr. A. Knowles's The Grasper.....Sentence 5 11 7  
Mr. J. G. Clarke's Mark Time.....Robinson 4 10 7  
Mr. S. H. Mitchell's Sergeant Buzzard.....Hallick 4 10 7

THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.  
Mr. H. Brown's Communist.....Waller 5 12 3  
Mr. E. E. Bracey's Dunboyne.....Capt. Dewhurst 5 11 7  
Mr. G. Cottrill's The Eagle.....Hallick 5 11 7  
Mr. H. M. Dyer's Wild Alice.....Private 5 11 7  
Mr. M. Fitzgerald's Ipswich.....In Ireland 5 11 7  
Mr. A. Gorham's Bawley.....Hackett 5 11 7  
Mr. N. J. Kelly's Fly Leaf.....Cullen 5 11 7  
Mr. A. E. McKinnay's Hazel Shade.....Cuthwaite 5 11 7  
Mr. W. Parr's Grange Field.....Mr. Pease 5 11 7  
Mr. V. T. Thompson's St. Hilarius.....Ambler 5 11 7  
Mr. N. Clark's Simsbath.....Menzies 5 11 7  
Mr. T. Clyde's Shane O'Neill.....Cort 5 11 7  
Mr. Ernest Dromey's Wedding Peal.....Batho 5 11 7  
Mr. A. Harris's Clapham Lass.....Batho 5 11 7  
Mr. C. F. Mainwaring's April Boy Capt. Coventry 5 11 7  
Mr. J. Rogers's Grambowan.....Owner 5 11 7  
Lord Sefton's Spring Cagnet.....Russell 5 11 7  
Major Vaux's Chiam.....Menzies 5 11 7

3.30.—SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. Ledlie's Thos.....Cort 5 10 11

THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.  
Mr. F. Phillips's Coback Post.....Mr. Hastings 6 12 7  
Major J. M. Gordon's Cheriton Belle.....Jarvis 6 12 7  
Mr. G. Cottrill's The Eagle.....Hallick 6 11 7  
Mr. H. G. Johnson's Kladeradatch.....Smith 6 11 7  
Mr. H. E. Scott's Snuff Box.....Owner 6 11 7  
Mr. R. Craig McKerrow's Mrs. Peguety.....Barratt 6 11 7  
Mr. G. Edwards's Oasis.....Major Edwards 6 11 7  
Mr. A. E. McKinnay's Hazel Shade.....Cuthwaite 6 11 7  
Mr. L. de Rothschild's Key West.....Cannon, jun. 6 11 7  
Mr. Walter Perry's Gallopang Helen.....Jillings 6 11 7  
Mr. Horatio Bottomley's Princessmon.....Batho 6 11 7  
Mr. B. Blinn's Condon.....Owner 6 11 7  
Sir Peter Walker's Antibus.....Latham 6 11 7  
Major J. M. Gordon's Spinning Minnow.....Jarvis 6 11 7  
Major Joicey's Plum Pecker.....Waller 6 11 7

## BRavo, 'SPURS!

### North Londoners' Splendid Win at Birmingham.

Once again the Tottenham Hotspur have demonstrated their prowess on foreign grounds, and their win over Aston Villa at Birmingham yesterday by one goal to nil is about the best thing accomplished in F.A. Cup-ties this season.

The match proved a tremendous attraction, and with the weather remaining fine, quite 40,000 people witnessed the play. The visitors won the toss, and in an early attack by the Villa Niblo put in a fine centre, and Wilkes had a flying shot at goal; but the ball just missed the mark. Woodward then executed a pretty dribble, but finished weakly by kicking behind.

Williams had plenty to do, and he saved several very awkward shots in good style. The play continued exciting up to half time, when nothing had been scored.

On resuming the Villa at once attacked, but the 'Spurs soon reassessed themselves, and George was kept busy. After the second half had been in progress about five minutes and everyone was expecting another draw J. Jones scored the only goal of the match for the 'Spurs, who won amidst extraordinary excitement. The winners entertain Sheffield Wednesday at Tottenham in the next round.

BRISTOL CITY BEATEN.  
Leicester Fosse defeated Bristol City at Leicester yesterday by a goal to 0. The match was a League fixture, and was played before about 3,000 spectators in fine weather. There was no change in the order of the game, and the only goal of the match twenty minutes from the commencement of proceedings, and the rest of the game proved pretty even, but Bristol City could not equalise, and were beaten as usual.

OTHER MATCHES.  
Middlesex, 4; Norfolk (0), 1.  
The Army, 5; Herts, 4.  
Leyton Thursday, 5; Forest Gate Rosemont, 3.

THE ENGLAND ELEVEN.  
After their drawn match on Wednesday the Wanderers and Derby County Clubs approached several members of the Football Association Council who were present as to whether Baddeley and Davies could be released from their engagement to play for England against Wales at Wrexham on Monday, the day upon which the Cup-tie will have to be replayed.

The matter is under consideration, and will, it is understood, be decided by the Football Association to-day.

RUGBY.  
London Hospital, 38 points; St. Mary's, 0. (Hospital Rugby Cup semi-final.)  
Chesham, 8 points; Northumberland and Durham, 4. (Northern Union.)

CAMBRIDGE AT ELY.  
The Light Blues yesterday at Ely showed improved form, when they rowed for nearly two miles in 10min. 5sec. Although the time was not fast, there was more life in the boat, and they contended against strong strokes. There was no change in the order of rowing, and Mr. Escombe coached.

CROSS-COUNTRY.  
The following clubs have entered for the National Championship, which is fixed to take place at Dunsall Park, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, March 5. The field Harriers (holders and Midlands champions), Crewe Harriers, Farnham Harriers, Northern champions, Herne Hill Harriers, South London Harriers, Highbury Harriers (Southern champions), Salford Harriers, Small Heath Harriers, and the Club de France, and Societe Athletique de Montreux.

SPORT JOTTINGS.  
Tom Russell, the Essex C.C. wicket-keeper, held the whistle in a football match between Forest Gate Rosemont and Leyton Thursday at Wanstead yesterday. The latter team won by 3 goals to 3, and Moody, Russell, who also occasionally "keep" for Essex, played a good game in goal for the winners.

While Tom Jenkins is in England he will try to arrange a match for young Corbett, feather-weight boxer of America, with Jabber White and Jordan, the well-known English boxers.

Tom Jenkins, the American wrestler, will arrive in England next week for the purpose of challenging Hackenschmidt for the championship of the world.

George Steadman, the well-known wrestler, was seized with a paralytic stroke on Tuesday last at Brough, Westmorland, where he now lies in a critical condition.

During the first nine days of the Automobile Show, which closed at the Crystal Palace on Wednesday evening, 138,344 persons passed the turnstiles.

The wicket on which the Test match at Sydney will be played to-day is hard, and is being kept under top-paulis. The latest weather forecast predicts unsettled weather.—Reuter's Special.

In a local tradesmen's Rugby football match at Penelton, Manchester, on Wednesday, Arthur Barton, of Lower Broughton, had his leg fractured, and was conveyed to his home in a cab.

The Oxford and Cambridge singles tennis match is to be played at Lord's on July 30, and the doubles on July 31.

A football match between Cambridge University and a representative Army team will be played at Woburn Park on March 10 in aid of the Islington memorial fund, which was held in South Africa.

The Thames Angling Preservation Society, who protect the water between Staines and Isleworth Ferry, are prosecuting anglers against fishing at night with baited hooks. A prosecution may follow disregard of this notice.

A tennis match that attracted considerable attention was played at the Clare and Trinity Tennis Courts, Cambridge, yesterday, between Jim Harradine and Ted Johnstone, of Queen's Club. Johnstone played well, and gained a fine victory of 3 games to nil.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.  
Doddington Plate, Lincoln.—Oswest Wood.  
Leap Year Steeplechase, Southwold.—Brooklands.  
All published handbills.—Spinning Minnow.  
All engagements in Mr. E. C. Clayton's name.—Arrow Light.

HURST PARK RACE TRAINS.  
Waterloo (L.S.W.)—11.18, 11.40, 12.10, 12.15 (first class) 12.30 (members), 12.35, and 1.3.







